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Discovery of planets points to life beyond our solar system

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

THE odds that there is life elsewhere in the universe have shortened with the discovery of two Earth-sized planets in orbit around a distant star.

The planets are 1,300 light years away in the Virgo constellation. They orbit a tiny, dense star quite unlike the Sun, so are not themselves habitable, but their discovery makes it more likely that habitable planets do exist somewhere outside the solar system.

Alexander Wolszczan, an astronomer from Pennsylvania State University, has spent three years examining radio signals emitted by the neutron star around which the two planets orbit. He now claims to have found irrefutable evidence that the planets exist, with a third, Moon-sized object.

The existence of planets around stars outside the solar system has long been assumed, but they are impossible to see with conventional telescopes. Their presence must be deduced by the effects they have on radiation emitted by the stars around which they orbit.

Dr Wolszczan first claimed two years ago that there were planets around the distant neutron star known as PSR B1257+12. He had been studying the radio output of the neutron star, which rotates several hundred times a second, using the radiotelescope at Arecibo observatory in Puerto Rico. Such rotating neutron stars are called pulsars because their signals pulsate in a regular pattern.

He found that some of the pulses were arriving too soon — by about 3,000th of a second — and some too late, by the same margin. This suggested that the pulsar was wobbling under the influence of planets orbiting it.

The idea was greeted sceptically. An earlier claim, made by Dr Andrew Lyne, of Jodrell Bank observatory in Cheshire, had to be withdrawn when an alternative explanation was found for the anomalies he had detected.

Dr Wolszczan has now produced more persuasive evidence, which is published in today's edition of the journal *Science*.

If there are indeed two planets orbiting in the way he suggests, their orbits ought to affect one another to produce a tiny additional wavering in the pulsar's radio signal, detectable after a few years' observation. The paper in *Science* reports the "unambiguous" detection of this effect from the analysis of three years' observation at Arecibo. This, Dr Wolszczan says, "constitutes irrefutable evidence that the first planetary system around a star other than the Sun has been identified".

Dr Frederic Rasio, of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, who suggested the strategy, agrees. "It's the first time we've known for sure there is a planetary system other than our own."



Lloyds offer £1,700 average payout to 1.4 million

Takeover brings bonus for savers

By Sara McConnell and Robert Miller

THE 1.4 million customers of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society will share a £1.8 billion payout if they agree to a Lloyds Bank takeover. The move, announced yesterday, will be the first takeover of a British building society by a bank.

Individual savers will receive an average payout of £1,700; depositors will get £2,500 on average, while borrowers who are not savers will be given at least £500. Some customers, with large balances in several accounts, could receive tens of thousands of pounds.

The C&G, which is the sixth largest building society, has one million savers and 370,000 borrowers. It has a reputation for being an innovative society and was widely expected to convert to a bank or be taken over by one.

In effect, it will be the first building society to convert since Abbey National became a bank in 1989. Then savers received 100 shares worth £1.30 each. These are worth almost £500 now, including dividend payments. The National & Provincial and Alliance & Leicester building societies are also thought to be considering conversion. None of the large societies can afford to dismiss the move because their status does not allow them free access to wholesale money markets.

The 840,000 savers with a C&G share account at the society, such as Cheltenham Gold, London Share or Instant 7, or one of the society's tax-exempt special savings accounts (Tessa), are likely to benefit most if the takeover goes ahead.

They will get a flat payout of £500 if they opened their account on or before December 31, 1993, and have £100 in their account 56 days before voting day. In addition, they will be paid 10 per cent of the balances in each of their accounts, as long as each account was open on March 31, 1994, and stays open until a day yet to be specified in the second quarter of 1995, when the takeover is completed. The amount will be calculated on the lower of the two savings balances on the two dates.

Cheltenham & Gloucester investors welcomed their unexpected windfall yesterday. Larry Kenney, an advertising executive, can expect to be £1,000 richer if the Lloyds takeover goes ahead next year. Mr Kenney, 37, has £5,000 in a Gold account he opened last year. Under the terms of the proposed merger, he will qualify for £500 as an investing member of the society. He can also expect a further payment based on the amount in his account. This is expected to be about 10 per cent.

Mr Kenney said last night: "I will wait to read the finer details of the proposals when the society send them to me. But on the face of it I shall certainly be happy with my windfall and I will vote for it to go ahead."

According to Andrew Longhurst, the society's chief executive, the average balance among C&G savers is £12,000, resulting in an average total payout of £1,700. The maximum any saver can expect on any one account is £10,000.

Savers with deposit accounts will not qualify for the £500 flat payment but they will get 10 per cent of their balance. The average balance of the society's 60,000 depositors is £25,000, giving them a payout of £2,500. Children will get 10 per cent of the balance in each account. Trustees, who have the right to vote, would receive the $500 flat payment and 10 per cent of the balance in their trustee account.

The society's 370,000 borrowers, who also have voting rights, would get £500 for each property. Remortgaging the same property with the society would not qualify borrowers for two payouts but having two properties, each paid for with a C&G mortgage, would.

The takeover will only go ahead if 75 per cent of eligible investors who vote and a simple majority of the borrowers who vote give their approval. In addition, either 50 per cent of the eligible investors must vote in favour or those holding 90 per cent of the society's savings must agree.

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No doubts in France: a poster in Arromanches reflecting the mood of celebration

Veterans win veto on D-Day events

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

THE Government yesterday handed Britain's war veterans a veto over its much-criticised plan to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day with a star-spangled event in London's Hyde Park.

Peter Brooke, the National Heritage Secretary, met the Royal British Legion and the Normandy Veterans' Association and asked them to consult their members and come up with ideas next week.

The signs last night were that the event was likely to go ahead in a toned-down form. It could even be cancelled if the two leading veterans' organisations so decide.

Mr Brooke held the talks after John Major intervened to tell ministers to sort out the shambles into which the celebration plans have descended. The alienation of Dame Vera Lynn was the last straw for Tory MPs.

At the Prime Minister's insistence Mr Brooke and Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, met at the Commons on Wednesday night to sort out the mess for which their two departments have been blamed. The Heritage Secretary then gave a series of

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West wary of summit call

By Our Foreign Staff

BRITAIN and America reacted cautiously yesterday as President Yeltsin pressed for a summit within a month to reach a joint strategy on how to end the conflict in Bosnia.

But British officials said a summit should not be called until there was a reasonable prospect of success. Washington denounced yesterday the bloody attempts to create a "Greater Serbia".

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Minister does U-turn on council tax backdating

By Nicholas Wood, Chief Political Correspondent

HOMEOWNERS won an important reprieve last night when the Government scrapped rules that could have forced thousands of people to pay hundreds of pounds in backdated council tax bills.

Until yesterday, ministers were defending the system under which demands for extra tax were backdated to April last year after properties had been placed in a higher band as a result of a sale or a failed appeal.

Whitehall officials were saying the arrangements were no different to those under which someone with the wrong tax code was liable for unpaid income tax going back over several years.

But last night, David Curry, the local government minister, said that in future an uprated council tax bill would apply only from the date that the list held by the local valuation office is altered.

However, where houses are moved into lower bands because of a revaluation triggered by a sale, refunds will still be backdated to April 1993. Properties changing hands for sums well above or well below their notional value in one of the eight council tax bands are those most likely to be revalued.

The decision means that people who sell their houses need have no fear of being confronted with a demand for unpaid council tax. The new higher rate will apply only to the buyer. However, the Government offered no concession over the quirk highlighted in *The Times* yesterday: the fact that a sale of an undertaxed property could trigger higher taxes for similar houses in the same street.

Mr Curry's announcement was hailed by Labour as yet another climbdown. Jack Straw, the shadow Environment Secretary, said: "This is the fastest U-turn of this Parliament. The Government conceded Labour's demand after only four hours, having said emphatically on Tuesday that any increase in council tax would be backdated to April 1993.

"This is another example of the shoddy system of council tax valuations blowing up in the Government's face. It shows a degree of panic astonishing even by current Tory standards."

Tory MPs will be relieved that, with the district elections only two weeks away, ministers have removed a worrying anomaly from the regulations governing the tax.

Jamie Cann, the Labour MP for Ipswich whose questioning brought the affair to light, said he was pleased that ministers had responded so swiftly to his campaign and said he was sure that tens of thousands of people would be relieved. But he made clear he would not rest until the Government had backed down over other aspects of the charging system.

"Only one of my three complaints has been answered. Properties are still going to be rebanded on an arbitrary basis when somebody moves and, secondly, other people in the street in similar houses will also be affected with no inspection of their own properties."

Paul Hill cleared of IRA killing

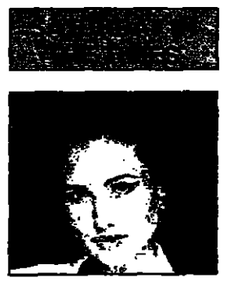
By Nicholas Watt, Ireland Correspondent

PAUL Hill, one of the Guildford Four, had his conviction for murdering a former British soldier in Belfast in 1974 quashed at the city's High Court yesterday. The judgment clears the way for Mr Hill, who married into America's Kennedy family last year, to claim up to £500,000 in compensation for wrongful imprisonment, and it allows him to take up US citizenship.

Sir Brian Hutton, the Lord Chief Justice, told the Court of Appeal that Mr Hill's conviction for the murder of Brian Shaw, killed by the IRA in July 1974, was "unsafe and unsatisfactory". He said there was a "reasonable possibility" that police had intimidated Mr Hill before he confessed to taking part in the murder.

"Inhuman treatment" by officers guarding Mr Hill at Guildford police station in November 1974, where he was being held over the IRA pub bombing, may have induced him to confess to the murder.

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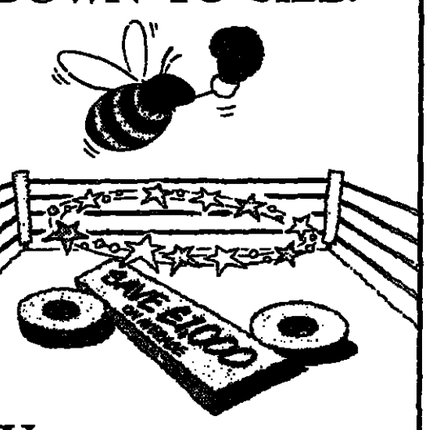


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Duke to mark South Africa's return to the fold

By Alan Hamilton

THE Duke of Edinburgh is to represent the Queen at the swearing-in of South Africa's new president in Pretoria on May 10, the first time that a member of the royal family has paid an official visit there since 1947.

The Buckingham Palace announcement yesterday was made on the Queen's 68th birthday. On her previous visit, touring with her father to thank the Commonwealth for its war effort, she celebrated her 21st birthday with a memorable broadcast from Cape Town dedicating her life to the service of her people.

Relations between the royal family and South Africa have been distant since the country left the Commonwealth in 1961. Even private visits have been exceedingly rare, with the only one in recent years having been a brief Christmas holiday by Prince and Princess Michael of Kent in 1992. Now, with the country facing its first multi-racial elections next week, and President De Klerk expected to hand over power to Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, there are signs of a thaw.

A small but significant event will take place in Berkshire in June. The Queen and the Duke will attend the opening match of the first official South African cricket tour of England since 1965, when the visitors play the Earl of Caernarvon's XI at Highclere.

Palace officials said last night that it would be rare for the Queen herself to attend the swearing-in of a new head of state, particularly in a country outside the Commonwealth, but they indicated that the presence of the Duke was a measure of the importance the British Government attached to South Africa's democratic elections.

If Mr Mandela becomes President he is expected to apply to rejoin the Commonwealth.

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They also serve who only stand and answer questions

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

No doubt Mr Major will be feeling aggrieved this morning at the scale of the row about D-Day celebrations. Whether or not he privately thinks any of the criticisms are fair, he will certainly think it unfair that the whole thing is being pinned on to him personally — as it was at PM's questions yesterday.

The morning's papers had clucked and squawked. *The Guardian* had said that the Prime Minister had been "dragged into the mire"; *The Times* had spoken of "yet another banana skin", predicting that the PM would face embarrassing questions that afternoon.

He did. He had little choice. After all, he had shown by his answers at earlier questions that he was ready to enter the fray. If he does regard it as his responsibility whether there should be a spam fritter competition in Hyde Park, then he does have to face critics of the idea, across the dispatch box, at Prime Minister's questions.

Even his interrogator yesterday afternoon, John Smith, entered the argument with a fastidious shudder, his subdued manner suggesting that such details were pretty close to the margins of an Opposition Leader's proper concern.

But Mr Major seems to assume that, though this "huge row" has been entirely got up by the Press, he is now obliged to enter it. Why? Because the Press are *calling* it a huge row. Well we would, wouldn't we? The Press Association now provides a "D-Day fact file" on spam, and the history of spam. Wearied by this nonsense, I retreated to the *Hansard* library. Did prime ministers always define their responsibilities thus?

They did not. Until quite recently, no questions except those concerning the central elements of government policy were even put down, as they would have been "transferred" for answer by a departmental minister. When an MP strayed into detailed enquiries — or, indeed, any enquiry which the PM preferred not to answer — short shrift was given.

In April 1961, Emlyn Hughes MP asked Harold Macmillan what was the purpose of his recent meeting with an American general. "General Maxwell Taylor," replied the PM, "is an old friend from the days of the Mediterranean campaign. Our talks were confidential."

In April 1964, when Ted Short asked Sir Alec Douglas Home what replies would be given to two of his Newcastle constituents who had asked about concessionary fares, the PM replied "I will send him a copy."

In May 1973, Fred Mulley asked Ted Heath a detailed question about his counter-inflationary policy, urging him to abandon it. "I cannot agree with the hon gentleman," replied the PM. "If he had any points which had merit I should be willing to consider them."

In April 1974, Tom King asked Harold Wilson to visit Bridgwater on his way to Gateshead, and meet angry beef farmers. The PM replied that Bridgwater was not on the way to Gateshead and beef was a matter for the Minister of Agriculture. In April 1979, Donald Stewart asked the Prime Minister how the Scotland Act was to be dealt with. Mr Callaghan replied: "I do not bother myself with stories that float around. If I were to correct every misleading statement in the Press, I should never do anything else."

Yesterday, replying to John Smith, John Major read out the entire plan for D-Day celebrations. Margaret Thatcher would have learnt them by heart. And every one of their predecessors would have told the Opposition Leader that the newspapers were hysterical, the reports inaccurate, and the whole affair a matter for departmental ministers.

DYLAN MARTINEZ

Leap in high street sales strengthens hopes of recovery

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND JANET BUSH

JOHN Major led a concerted effort by senior ministers to trumpet the economic recovery yesterday. High street sales leapt by 0.8 per cent last month, twice the level forecast by most City analysts.

Coming only a day after it was announced that state borrowing last year was £4 billion less than estimated and another fall in unemployment, the latest figures fuelled Tory hopes that Britain was pulling strongly out of the recession.

But the brightening economic picture was clouded by City analysts who said that the upturn in consumer demand could stall during the next few months as the impact of higher taxes was felt in wage packets.

The Cabinet was also cheered by a rise of 2 per cent in car production in March. But during the first three months of the year it was still below the level achieved in the last quarter of 1993.

In the Commons, Mr Major gave one of his most optimistic assessments of the economy: "We now have a growth pattern twice as high as any of our European competitors, inflation at under 3 per cent, exports running at record levels, a stable exchange rate. We are poised for a long period of sustained non-inflationary growth."

In a speech in London yesterday, Michael Portillo, the Treasury Chief Secretary, insisted that confidence was returning, and underlined the Government's determination to stick to unpopular policies on tax and spending and wipe out the deficit by the end of the decade.

The Chief Secretary predicted that renewed confidence in financial markets would soon filter through to consumers despite anxieties over higher taxes. "Clarity and openness in making decisions have brought a return of confidence. That has yet to show up in consumer confidence surveys.

"Newspapers have told people to expect a major blow from tax rises. But retail sales are at record levels and consumers have shown more willingness to make longer-term purchases."

The 0.8 per cent jump in retail sales, with a revision in February's fall to 0.3 per cent from 0.5 per cent previously reported, has dashed hopes of a quick cut in interest rates. A reading of the fine print caused considerable scepticism among economists that sales were this strong, particularly in view of this week's Gallup poll showing a plunge in consumer confidence and the Confederation of British Industry's survey pointing to a weak performance in the high street.

The Central Statistical Office, which compiles official sales figures, yesterday said that sales may have been boosted by the early Easter. The traditionally busy shopping period before the Easter break fell in March this year instead of April and the CSO said it could not be sure that its adjustment for the seasonal variations was right.

The British Retail Consortium, which represents big retailers, said that the timing of Easter enhanced the March figures.

Shares and bonds, which had fallen sharply immediately after the sales figures because hopes had been pinned on a fall in base rates, had recovered by the end of the day as the Easter explanation was absorbed.

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Jean and Martyn Ginder arrive at court together, followed by the window frame

Paralysed wife sues husband for failing to fix window

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A MAN who failed to fix a window latch faces a High Court action for £250,000 damages brought by his wife. She blames him for a fall which left her paralysed.

Jean Ginder, 36, was trying to rescue her 21-month-old son Danny when she fell through a car port roof. She broke her back and will never walk again.

She maintains she asked her husband Martyn, an undertaker, on ten occasions to fix the window which would have prevented their son from venturing out on to the plastic roof. She saw her son on the roof and, thinking he might fall, she climbed out "instinctively without concern for her own safety", the court heard. Raymond Croxon QC, for the prosecution, said she did what any mother would have done.

Mrs Ginder is suing her husband for £250,000 because the sum is covered by his house insurance if negligence is proved. But yesterday her husband, also 36, blamed her for failing to supervise Danny, not taking sufficient steps to secure the window herself, and for stepping out onto the dangerous roof. He denies the accident was his fault.

Mr Croxon said: "She did the domestic duties and left the DIY and maintenance to her husband."

The couple, from Bricket Wood, Hertfordshire, arrived at court together. Deputy Judge James Stewart QC is being asked to decide the question of liability for the accident in March 1991. If successful, damages will be decided later.

Danny, now 4, got off the roof safely after the fall. The hearing continues.

Bar moves to scrap monopoly of training

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Bar has taken a significant step towards scrapping the profession's monopoly of training at the Inns of Court law school and accepting common training for barristers and solicitors.

Three weeks after the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on education and conduct under Lord Justice Steyn recommended common training, the Bar chairman has told barristers that change is inevitable. In a consultation paper Robert Seabrook QC says that "retention of the present interim system is not an option".

Instead, he accepts that barristers could be trained alongside solicitors at a number of centres around the country along the lines of the medical profession, which trains all doctors together.

The paper comes at a time of crisis over the selection of students for the Bar. A new selection system, brought in last autumn as a temporary measure while a new scheme is hammered out, has produced widespread criticism and dismay with large numbers of highly-qualified students being turned down.

In the consultation paper, which has not been published but has gone to heads of chambers, circuit leaders and heads of Bar associations, Mr Seabrook reminds barristers that they have been given until 1997 to bring forward new training proposals.

However, he says, decisions must be made urgently because any major changes will have an impact on universities which have a two-year lead-in time in which to react.

Lord Justice Steyn, the Court of Appeal judge who chairs the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on education and conduct, has already told the Bar that the committee sees strong arguments of practice and principle in training all lawyers together. However, there are senior judges, as well as many barristers, who are strongly opposed.

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Fears of breast cancer link with pill 'unfounded'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

FEARS that women who began taking the contraceptive pill when they were young face a greater risk of breast cancer appear to be unfounded, a leading epidemiologist said yesterday.

Dr Valerie Beral, head of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's epidemiology unit in Oxford, told a conference on breast cancer that eight out of ten women now in their late 40s and six out of ten now in their early 50s had taken the pill, but there was no evidence of increased risk.

"If the Pill was going to have a serious, long term risk of breast cancer, we should have started to see the effect by now," Dr Beral told the conference, organised by *The Lancet*, in Bruges.

Her analysis of breast cancer trends also showed that Britain's epidemic of the disease, which claims almost 14,000 lives a year, may be on the wane thanks to the post-war baby boom. Incidence among women under 70 is falling. Overall the death rate has dropped seven per cent since 1986.

Her analysis showed that, among women in their 40s, there has been a 20 per cent fall in the death rate over the past 20 years, while among the over-70s the trend has continued upwards. The decline is linked with changes in lifestyle 50 years ago.

"It has been known for some time that having children, especially having the first at a young age, reduces the risk of breast cancer. After the Second World War the average age when women had their first baby fell from 26 to 24 and the proportion of childless women halved from 20 per cent to 10 per cent. It is these women in whom the rates are falling."

The over-70s were of childbearing age around the time of the depression, when many women delayed their first baby or had no children at all, she said.

Dr Beral said the fall could continue for the next 20 years but after that the trend in the latter half of the century towards having smaller families and starting them later would be influencing the figures.

☐ New evidence of the link between high concentrations of aluminium and Alzheimer's disease has been found by researchers in Cambridge and Newcastle. A study of 15 kidney patients found those with high levels of aluminium had Alzheimer-like changes in their brain cells.

Hospital in Allitt case suspends nurse

A NURSE at the hospital where Beverly Allitt murdered four children has been sent on paid leave after allegations that she had self-inflicted injuries.

The disclosure by Grantham and Kesteven Hospital came on the day that Allitt was struck off the nursing register for misconduct. The child killer, who was jailed for life last year, had a history of harming herself and others to gain attention.

Allister Stewart, unit general manager of the hospital, emphasised that the nurse sent on leave had not been accused of anything. The hospital's decision was a precautionary measure pending further medical advice. "There is no evidence of any harm to patients," he said.

The 35-year-old woman is thought to have worked at the hospital for 13 years. The enquiry into the Allitt murders recommended that all nursing applicants' sickness records be checked.

After Allitt was struck off yesterday, the president of the UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, said that the killings had cast a shadow over the profession. Mary Uprichard said Allitt had "betrayed most grievously and unthinkably the very great trust society places in all nurses".

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Minister gets tough with drug abusers

Drug addicts will be put under pressure to break their habit, Dr Brian Mawhinney, the health minister, said yesterday. Dr Mawhinney said that he wanted doctors and nurses to concentrate their efforts on getting people off drugs rather than helping them to control their habit. In an interview with *The Times*, Dr Mawhinney said: "It is unrealistic to suppose that everyone can be brought off very quickly so there need to be treatment and care arrangements for those who are going to be on drugs for some time." Dr Mawhinney is setting up a task force of 13 under the Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, the president of Queens' College, Cambridge, to carry out a "wide-ranging review of the effectiveness of treatment services for drug misusers".

Doctors are concerned that a tougher policy towards addicts will drive them out of the clinics and on to the streets, with an increase in crime and drug-related deaths.

IRA murders policeman

The IRA murdered a policeman in a mortar bomb attack on a security patrol in Londonderry just before midnight on Wednesday. Gregory Pollock, 23, was killed instantly and two of his colleagues were seriously injured when their Land Rover was hit by a Mark 16 horizontal mortar. Mr Pollock is the third policeman to be killed by the IRA this year.

Cuts claim 1,000 jobs

Nearly 1,000 job losses were announced yesterday in Scotland and the South East. Texas Instruments is cutting 400 posts in Bedford because of European restructuring. Another 200 jobs are at risk. The engineering group Babcock is cutting 450 jobs, mostly at Renfrew, Strathclyde, and Crawley, Sussex.

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Bonus for car workers

Vauxhall workers are to be paid bonuses of up to £1,700 next week for keeping the car company in profit through the recesssion. Vauxhall, based in Luton, Bedfordshire, announced a pre-tax profit of £185.1 million for last year, a fall of 17.3 per cent on 1992. It enjoyed a record market share in the UK of over 17 per cent in 1993, selling 304,000 cars.

Murder appeal wait

The Court of Appeal reserved judgment yesterday in the case of Eddie Browning, who is serving a life sentence for the murder of a pregant young mother on the M50. Browning, 41, of Mid Glamorgan, claims that the non-disclosure of a video tape that could have helped the defence makes his conviction for the killing of Marie Wilks unsafe.

Police 'can carry guns'

A member of a Scotland Yard training unit has fuelled the debate about arming the force by claiming that police are legally free to buy their own weapons and wear them on patrol. PC Michael Harrison, writing in *Police Review*, said policemen, like soldiers, were in the service of the Queen and therefore exempt from the controls of firearms legislation.

Child hospital deaths

Two children have died of blood infections while receiving bone marrow treatment at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. Another child is seriously ill and a fourth has since recovered. Inquests will open on Timothy Davies, aged nine, and Belinda Coffey, five, today. The hospital believed the infection came from an "environmental source".

Patient forces U-turn



The 73-year-old former band leader at the centre of a political row over allegations that the health service was discriminating against older patients has now been told that he can have physiotherapy for his arthritic knees. Johnnie Gray, right, said that common sense had prevailed in a meeting with officials of Brighton Health Care Trust, which had earlier discontinued his treatment because of his age.

Gamekeeper fined £250

A Norfolk gamekeeper was fined £250 yesterday after pleading guilty to releasing chukar hybrid partridges into the wild in contravention of a recent law designed to protect the native British red-legged variety. Granger Jordan, 39, of Mill Farm, Plumstead, said it was impossible to tell the difference between the eggs.

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French shopkeepers in no doubt that 50th anniversary of landings is a cause for celebration

Trinket traders vie to cash in on D-Day veterans' invasion

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN CAEN

WITH six weeks to go before Normandy celebrates the D-Day anniversary, the souvenir merchants are already doing brisk business selling a range of items from T-shirts to dubious GI helmets and an invasion perfume.

Curators of the official museums that dot the area say they have been fending off products from local merchants eager to profit from the invasion of five million visitors this summer. "This isn't Lourdes," complained Philippe Capron, director of the Bayeux museum, as he turned down doubtful items for the museum boutique.

The museums and tourism offices are limiting themselves to postcards, publications, "good taste" mementoes and the occasional T-shirt but their scruples are not shared by the shopkeepers and street vendors who see the 1994 anniversary as a godsend for the trinket business.

Among goods on on offer is an "Eau de toilette du Débarquement". Hungry visitors can buy wooden "ammunition cases" stuffed with foods and commemorative bottles of wine and calvados.

In Caen, you can find bottles of genuine sand from Omaha, Juno, Gold and the other landing beaches. Also on offer are GI surplus helmets which date not from the 1940s but the Vietnam era. At "Jimmy", a big military paraphernalia shop, they are offering caps, ashtrays and other French-made souvenirs emblazoned with a home-made logo. At Villedieu-les-Poeles, a workshop has turned out a copy of the "cricket" clicker which the US paratroopers used to signal to each other when behind German lines.

Among the more official items is a 50th anniversary champagne, licensed by the Comité du Débarquement, which is organising the ceremonies. At Vire, they have organised a competition for the official "Song of the 50th". The six finalists have been recorded on a "Memorial 44" release with the official label of the Association of the Normany Landing.

A solemn tone will prevail in Normandy, where tens of thousands of soldiers and many French civilians killed in the crossfire and bombing are buried. The main ceremonies culminate at Omaha beach and at Caen on June 6.



T-shirts commemorate the D-Day landings

Some towns, however, see the anniversary as a shot in the arm for the local economy and have organised celebrations including art exhibitions, an American jazz and film festival at Cherbourg, a sailing regatta at Rouen and an invasion golf tournament.

Local officials hope the flood of tourists will not only fill their coffers this year but put Normandy on the map for visitors and investors of the future. The spectacular Memorial Museum for Peace in Caen reminds local business leaders that each visitor to its display also spends 100 francs in the town.

Michel Criquet, who owns a shop in the fishing port of Port-en-Bessin close to the beaches of Omaha, admits that he intends to profit. "I've bought as many replica munitions boxes as I can and my opening hours are now longer as there are more tourists coming into the area. I hope to make as much money now as I possibly can," he said.

Veterans' organisations in France, unlike their British counterparts, have made no complaints about trivialisation or over-celebration. The British dispute has been reported without comment.

However, the French Confederation of Hoteliers and Restaurateurs protested yesterday about a Brussels order banning the demand for a deposit on advance hotel bookings. This, the confederation said, could encourage hotels to overbook for fear of cancellation. Hotels across the region have been fully booked for many months.

In Bayeux, where Union Jacks hang alongside the Stars and Stripes, Jack Williams from Massachusetts is one of 50 American veterans on a commemorative coach trip. "I remember being here," he said, "I just wanted to come back and remind myself of the sights and sounds of those painful days.

"We've brought with us a few dollars so a few souvenirs for the grandchildren back home will certainly go in the suitcases." Mr Williams will not be short of options.

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Jack Williams, an American veteran, shopping for gifts in Bayeux yesterday

Veterans

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television and radio interviews in which he stressed the commemorative nature of the events.

After the talks Mr Brooke said: "My concern was for the veterans to make their comments on how they thought the Hyde Park event could be appropriately framed and appropriately conducted." Eddy Hannath, general secretary of the Normandy Veterans' Association, said: "We are happier now than we were last week."

Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Creasy, secretary-general of the Royal British Legion, said the meeting was "helpful and constructive".

Dame Vera Lynn said that nothing had yet been settled about her planned concert during the Hyde Park festivities but she stood by her pledge not to take part if the veterans were unhappy.

Questioned in the Commons yesterday by John Smith, the Prime Minister delivered a long reply emphasising the commemorative nature of the events.

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When my father wept for the fallen

Raymond Seitz, *the outgoing US Ambassador, tells why dignified remembrance is important to him*

THE commemoration of D-Day has a personal meaning for me because my father, at the age of 36, commanded an American regiment that went ashore on Omaha beach that harrowing morning. He never talked about it much, but he, my mother and I went back there one summer day in 1960.

At Colleville-sur-Mer, my mother and I, barely swallowing our emotions, stood to one side as my father walked the empty beaches. It was a blue, gentle day. The water was flat and grey, but in those days you could still see rusting tank traps poking through the surface. Otherwise there was little evidence of the great events 16 years before. After half an hour or so, my father rejoined us. Looking a little bewildered, he shook his head and said: "I don't recognise a thing." The peacefulness of that morning bore no resemblance to the horror he remembered. It was another time and another place.

> "The peace of that morning bore no resemblance to the horror he remembered. It was another time and place"

Afterwards we visited the American cemetery at St Laurent — 10,000 serried white crosses. Behind the cemetery, overlooking Omaha beach, there is an obelisk erected to the First Division, the Big Red One, as it is known. On it are the names of the many who had died in the D-Day operation. And it was here, as he was reading the names of regimental comrades from long ago, that something gave way and he wept.

At this simple moment, the lesson of one generation passed on to the next. My mind tumbled back to that picture last autumn when I was interviewed on the radio programme *Desert Island Discs*. I happened to mention that my father had been at D-Day.

Three days later, I received a letter from Betty Sewell, a widow in Hertfordshire, who said her husband, Brigadier Sewell, and my father had been friends in those days. In fact, shortly after the war, she said, the Sewell family had stayed with us in New York. Mrs Sewell recollected my mother recounting how she had sat in a darkened room, by the glow of a murmuring radio, listening to reports of the D-Day landings full of pride and fear. I immediately wrote back. Although I was only seven or eight at the time, I did recall an English family that had stayed with us. I also recalled that one of her children had given me a silver dollar coin as a souvenir of friendship. Shortly after, I received another letter — this time from Major General Toyne Sewell, Commandant of the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst. It was he who had given me the American coin all those years ago. I still have the silver dollar.

I see many reflections in this coin — some bright, some dim; some happy, some sad. I see history and I see hope. And I see chapter after chapter of friendship between two great peoples who continue to write their own fine Book of Nations.

☐ *Extracted from an address to The Pilgrims*

West's wife remanded in case of child rape

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE wife of Frederick West, the alleged multiple killer, appeared in court yesterday charged in connection with the rape of a girl of 11.

Rosemary West, 40, is accused jointly with William Smith, 67, of having had sexual intercourse with the girl without consent between July 1974 and July 1976 in Gloucester.

She also faces a second charge of assaulting a boy of seven, occasioning actual bodily harm, between January 1972 and December 1974.

Mrs West was remanded in custody for three days by magistrates in Gloucester. Her solicitor, Leo Goatley, asked for bail but this was rejected by the magistrates, who upheld a remand application by Mrs Rita Crane, prosecuting.

The magistrates made an order prohibiting the media from publishing material that could lead to the identity of the alleged victims.

Earlier, Mr Smith appeared in court to face the rape charge and was freed on conditional bail. His address was not given.

Frederick West is in custody accused of 10 murders. The bodies of nine women, including his 16-year-old daughter Heather, were found at his home, 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, and the remains of his first wife were uncovered in a field at Kempley 15 miles away.

Journalist told of compulsion to pat bottoms

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE athletics journalist Cliff Temple, who killed himself on a railway line, told his psychiatrist he had a compulsion for patting the bottoms of female athletes.

He feared his employers, *The Sunday Times*, would learn about what he described as his "perversion", an inquest was told yesterday.

A jury in Folkestone, Kent, took 20 minutes to return a verdict of suicide on the 46-year-old journalist and coach whose body was found on January 8 on the railway line near Sandling.

Two contributory factors were identified by the jury: the break-up of his marriage for which he felt partly responsible, and allegations made against him which, the jury believe, tipped the balance.

Mr Temple's death led to the sacking this month of Andy Norman, promotions director for the British Athletic Federation.

Mr Norman telephoned Mr Temple last July, while the journalist was working on an article critical of him and his fiancée, the athlete Fatima Whitbread. Mr Norman indicated that allegations might be made that Mr Temple had sexually harassed the Olympic athlete Shireen Bailey. Mrs Bailey, who was coached by Mr Temple, has described the claim as completely untrue.

Mr Temple was referred to a consultant psychiatrist, Dr Stanley Shere, last September by his GP, who said the journalist had become anxious and drank too much.

Dr Shere said Mr Temple was suffering from paranoid delusions at their first meeting. He believed his telephone was being tapped by people who wanted to kill him.

"He feared that the management would hear about what he described as his perversion," Dr Shere said. "For many years he had a compulsion to pat the bottoms of young women ... but he assured me it never amounted to more than this." He added: "On the face of it, it seems a relatively innocent activity, indeed entirely innocent."

The coroner Brian Smith said: "What Mr Temple may consider a perversion may not by men and women of the world be considered as such."


Temple: suffered from paranoid delusions

Lady Kenya foils thieves with a cup of hot coffee

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE 70-year-old great-niece of Earl Kitchener of Khartoum fought a valiant rearguard action with a cup of coffee when she found thieves attempting to make off with jewellery and antiques from her Sussex home.

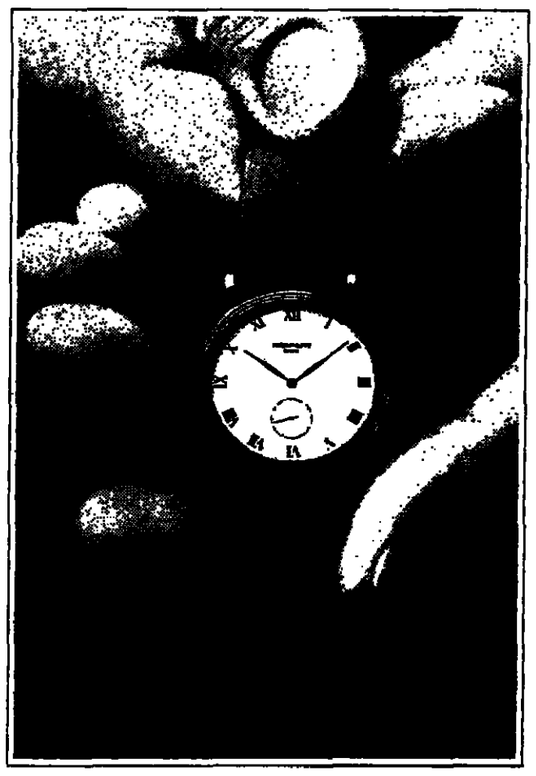
Lady Kenya, whose illustrious forebear won back the Sudan for Britain at the Battle of Omdurman in 1898, was upstairs in her house at Fontwell last Saturday morning when she heard noises downstairs. She found a gang helping themselves to heirlooms, vases, clocks and porcelain figurines.

A furious Lady Kenya grabbed one man's jacket and threw a cup of steaming coffee in his face. The startled thief, followed by an unknown number of accomplices, leapt through an open window, ran across the garden to a parked van, and made off at speed. Numerous items were left strewn on the grass. Police said the stolen heirlooms were worth at least £75,000.

The raider over whom Lady Kenya threw coffee was aged between 18 and 22, between 5ft 6in and 5ft 8in with short brown hair. He was wearing a brown leather bomber jacket.

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Ratpack leads dogged Pooh-hunt

BY ALAN HAMILTON

FLEET Street's finest newshounds yesterday joined the hunt for Pooh, the Prince of Wales's missing Jack Russell terrier. The royal ratpack, which can usually sniff a regal indiscretion at a thousand paces, combed Deeside with all the thoroughness of a Gloucester murder enquiry, but by nightfall their efforts had come to naught.

Reporters joined police, gamekeepers and estate workers searching for the long-tailed tan and white dog, which went missing when out walking with the Prince on Sunday somewhere in Ballochbuie Forest on the Balmoral estate. Yesterday *The Sun*, never a paper to miss a trick, offered a £500 reward of its own for information leading to Pooh's recovery, to supplement the Prince's offer of an unspecified reward. Not to be outdone, the *Daily Mail* offered £1,000 in Scottish banknotes, while other reporters, banned from the estate where Pooh went missing, set out meat and bones in the faint hope that the dog might be tempted by tabloid bait. It was not.

Yesterday the Prince left Birkhall, the Queen Mother's house on the Balmoral estate, to return to London at the end of his two-week holiday. He wore a distinctly hangdog expression as he drove to Aberdeen airport without his much-loved companion.

The world was alerted to Pooh's disappearance when the Prince took a series of small advertisements in Aberdeen's daily paper, *The Press and Journal*, appealing for any sighting of the dog, and giving a telephone number that turned out to be that of the Balmoral estate office.

John Stammers, registrar in the nearby town of Ballater, said yesterday: "Everyone up here is upset for the dog: one woman was just about crying for the poor wee beastie."

Buckingham Palace said last night that estate workers had looked in all the likely places. The Prince had not lost hope, but he had to be realistic about the situation.

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Judges rule there was a 'reasonable possibility' that police intimidation forced confession

Paul Hill's second murder conviction quashed in Belfast

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

PAUL Hill, one of the Guildford Four, walked free from the High Court in Belfast yesterday after his conviction for the murder of a former soldier in the city in 1974 was quashed.

The judgment cleared the way for Mr Hill, 39, who married into America's Kennedy family last year, to claim up to £500,000 in compensation for wrongful imprisonment and to take up US citizenship.

Sir Brian Hutton, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, said in the Court of Appeal that Mr Hill's conviction was unsafe and unsatisfactory because there was a reasonable possibility that police officers in Guildford, Surrey, had intimidated him before he confessed to the murder of Brian Shaw.

In a judgment lasting 90 minutes, Sir Brian said that such "inhuman treatment" may have induced Mr Hill to confess to the murder of Mr Shaw, 21, in Belfast in July 1974.

Sir Brian, who was sitting with Lord Justice MacDermott and Mr Justice McCollum, said: "Accordingly we are of the opinion that the trial judge would have ruled that the confession was not admissible against the appellant and, there being no other evidence against the appellant, would have acquitted him."

Sir Brian said that Mr Hill's credibility had been undermined because some of his allegations about ill treatment had been untrue. He added: "The fact that the court is satisfied that the accused made a number of untruthful allegations does not mean that the court will be satisfied that there is no truth in any of his allegations."

After the hearing, Mr Hill said he was relieved by the decision, which would allow him to lead a normal life. Standing outside the heavily fortified court with his wife, Courtney Kennedy, he said: "I have been in limbo for a very long time. I didn't wait 17 years to be told I was innocent of this because I always knew I was."

He added: "I am a little upset about the manner in which the judges tried to explain their decision by saying this statement could be trued but it was elicited by illegal means."

Mr Shaw's widow, Maureen Hall, who has since remarried, condemned the judgment. Mrs Hall, who married Mr Shaw in Belfast two weeks before his murder, said outside the court: "We will not forget Brian. All we want now is to be left with our memories and allow Brian to rest in peace."

Mr Hill was freed on bail in 1989 after the Court of Appeal in London quashed his convictions for the Guildford and Woolwich pub bombings in November 1974. He confessed to taking part in the murder of Mr Shaw to RUC detectives who questioned him while he was in custody at Guildford police station in November 1974.

Lord Gifford QC, Mr Hill's counsel, told the Appeal Court that his confession was unsafe because he had been reduced to a wreck by Surrey detectives who had questioned him over the pub bombings. A former Surrey detective, known as Witness B, told the court that a former colleague, PC Gerry Queen, had fired an unloaded gun through the hatch of Mr Hill's cell door on the night of November 28 before he was interviewed by the two RUC detectives.

Sir Brian told the court that the Crown had not satisfied him beyond reasonable doubt that the incident did not take place. The judge added: "For a police officer to point a revolver through the hatch of a cell at a prisoner in the cell and click the hammer of the revolver is a disgraceful and grossly improper action, which clearly constituted inhuman treatment."

He said had the trial judge been presented with the evidence "we consider that the trial judge would have ruled that there was a reasonable possibility that a police officer pointed a revolver ... and that there was a reasonable possibility that this inhuman treatment induced him [Hill] to make the confession to the RUC the next day".

A civilised legal system, Sir Brian said, could not permit a confession obtained by "improper means", even it was true.

Sir Brian cast doubt on the allegation that the two RUC detectives who interviewed Mr Hill, Det Chief Insp Albert Cunningham and DC John McCawl, had concocted the confession. Sir Brian told the court: "We think there is very considerable weight in the Crown's submission that the evidence of the appellant that he did not give the contents of the confession to the two detectives was untrue."

The Guildford Four saga began just before 9pm on October 5, 1974, when an IRA bomb blast ripped through the Horse and Groom pub in Guildford, killing seven people and injuring more than 50. It was followed half an hour later by a second explosion at the Seven Stars pub, round the corner, which injured eight people. A month later, another IRA bomb exploded at the King's Arms pub in Woolwich, southeast London, killing one person and injuring 28.

CRISPIN RODWELL



Paul Hill, flanked by his wife Courtney Kennedy and her daughter Kara after the hearing yesterday at which he won his appeal against conviction

Police call off hunt for pub bombers

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

WEST Midlands police yesterday closed the file on the 1974 Birmingham pub bombings after a renewed investigation lasting three yearsfailed to find sufficient evidence for new charges.

Ron Hadfield, West Midlands Chief Constable, said: "The enquiries which we can reasonably complete are done. There are no more lines of enquiry."

The £1.6 million investigation was reopened when the Birmingham Six were freed by the Court of Appeal in 1991.

Twenty years after bomb blasts at the Mulberry Bush and the Tavern in the Town in central Birmingham killed 21 people and wounded 162, Mr Hadfield said: "We have done everything we could possibly have done to bring the perpetrators to justice."

He said the Birmingham Six were "innocent so far as the courts are concerned and I stand by that statement".

The six — Richard McIlkenny, Hugh Callaghan, Johnny Walker, Gerry Hunter, Paddy Hill and Billy Power — are expected to receive nearly £3 million in compensation after being wrongly convicted of the bombings.

They called yesterday for a public enquiry to lay the case to rest. Mr Hunter said: "For the past two years, there has been a slur campaign against us by the West Midlands police — innuendoes that we had touched explosives and were really guilty and were let out on a technicality."



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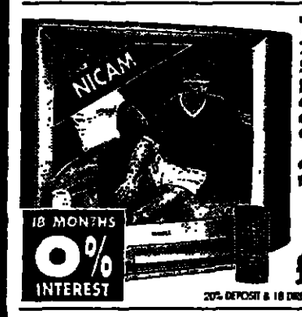
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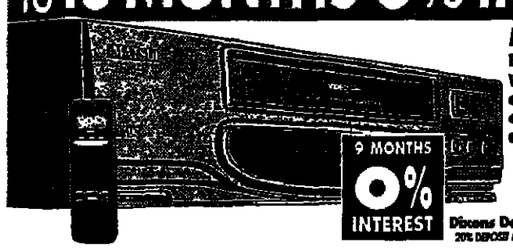


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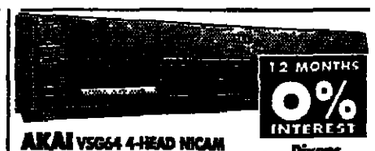
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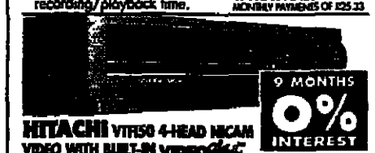


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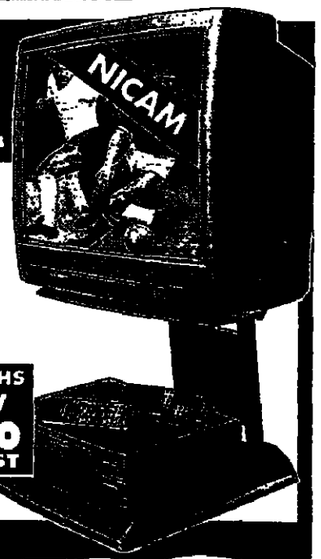
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Teachers accused of luring pupils away from opt-out school

BY BEN PRESTON, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A NEWLY opted-out school is locked in a bitter struggle for survival after a Labour council allowed three-quarters of its teachers to move to the school's nearest rival and lure children away.

Governors at Hawksmoor primary, in Thamesmead, southeast London, claim that Greenwich council is trying to sabotage the school after parents voted to leave local authority control.

Eight of Hawksmoor's 11 teachers, who left the school last month in protest at the decision to opt out, this week started the summer term at a neighbouring primary.

Paul Adams, the head teacher at Hawksmoor, said the move was the most serious attempt to undermine his 180-pupil primary in an increasingly acrimonious dispute that has divided the community. He said the departing teachers stripped displays off classroom walls before they went.

Since Hawksmoor was given approval last month by John Patten, the Education Secretary, to become the first grant-maintained school in Greenwich, the council has closed its after-school activities club. It has also tried to seize Hawksmoor's stock of musical instruments, take back computers and claim ownership to an adjoining playground.

The dispute was triggered more than two years ago when Greenwich began to draw up proposals to reduce the number of empty desks in Thamesmead, an overspill estate built in the 1970s. Hawksmoor was an obvious candidate for closure because it needed up to £300,000 for roof repairs and had fewer than 200 pupils, half its capacity. But parents and governors decided to apply to opt out to escape plans for a merger with another half-empty school, Linton Mead primary on its neighbour's more modern site 600 yards away.

Although government ministers have said that schools will not be allowed to opt out to avoid closure, Mr Patten approved Hawksmoor's application. Dave Picton, the Labour chairman of the borough's education committee, denied that Greenwich was trying to undermine Hawksmoor. He said disputes over property at the school were being resolved and that the former Hawksmoor staff would be at Linton Mead only until they were found permanent posts in the borough.

Mr Picton said: "I would be very happy if Hawksmoor failed with the parents voting with their feet. But we do not want children educated in an atmosphere of bitterness and division."

One teacher who left, Natalie Ratcliff, said the decision to move after nine years left her "gutted" but was made on principle because she opposed opting out.

She said: "I love my class. I helped them to read and write, to tie their shoelaces and watched them grow up. It is a bitter dispute."

Hawksmoor says that only ten primary pupils have left this term, although Linton Mead claims that it has taken at least 17 pupils from its rival.

ROBIN MAYES



Paul Adams: alleges serious attempt to undermine his school in bitter dispute

Heads lack faith in daily worship

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

MANY schools cannot meet their legal obligation to organise daily worship and question the point of doing so, head teachers told the Education Secretary yesterday.

Responding to government proposals on religious education and collective worship, the National Association of Head Teachers claimed that the law was falling into disrepute. Inspectors' reports confirm that few secondary schools now hold daily assemblies.

The association rejected ministers' claims that greater emphasis on religious education and collective worship would help to raise moral standards or underpin social values: "There is no evidence from our own experience in the United Kingdom, or from the experience of countries such as the United States and France, where religion has no place in state schools, to suggest any serious link of that kind."

John Patten has stressed the role of schools in removing "value-free zones" and devoting more attention to moral and religious education. But the head teachers argue that inexperienced staff and lack of space make it impossible for many schools to satisfy the detailed guidelines now under discussion.

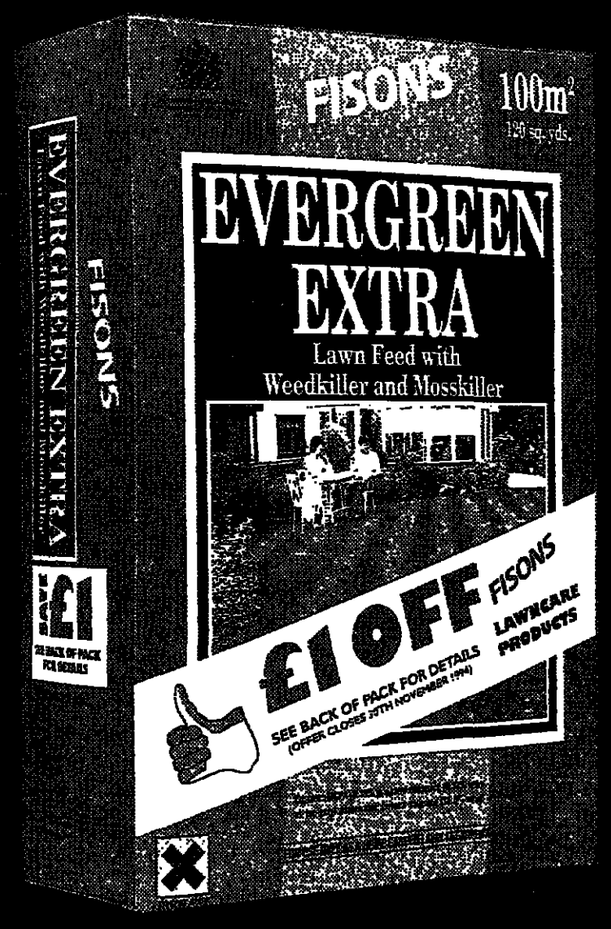
David Hart, the association's general secretary, said: "There is a very real risk that the Government's requirements cannot be met and that the law relating to religious education and collective worship will fall into further disrepute."

Mr Hart also criticised proposals for all schools to focus religious education on Christianity, covering other principal religions more briefly. "If the aim is to help children in an increasingly secular society understand what it means to take religion seriously, then the Government should allow schools to concentrate on the beliefs and values common to all religions rather than insist on a superficial approach which will only serve to highlight difference and conflict," he said.

Mr Patten promised to examine the practical difficulties raised by the association but added that he also wanted to solve the "mystery" of why there were 15,000 trained teachers of RE, yet only half were actually teaching the subject. He wanted the "missing" 7,500 brought back into religious education.

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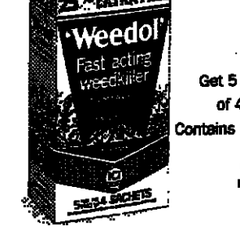
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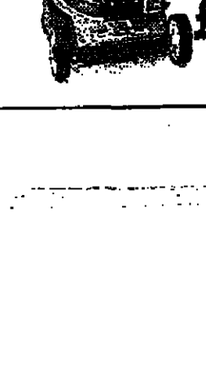
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The fish market has improved since last week's shortages, with the return of most types of fish at good prices. Plaice, mackerel and herring can all be bought for about £1 a pound. Lobster is slightly down in price to around £7 a pound.

Advertised best buys:

Asda: fresh beef brisket, £1.89 a pound; Danepak unsmoked middle bacon, £1.39 for two 7oz packs; cheese and tomato deep pan pizza, 99p; cantaloupe melon, £1.29 each.

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Co-op: John West red salmon, £1.59 for 418g; Sara Lee lemon meringue pie, 99p for 440g; muesli, £1.19 a kg; Dolmio tagliatelle, 65p for 250g.

Gateway: strawberries, 49p for a 227g punnet; seedless white grapes, 79p a pound; pork loin chops, £1.19 a pound; Coca Cola 8 pack, £1.55.

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Waitrose: unsmoked gammon joint, £1.89 a pound; rhubarb, 39p a pound; fromage frais, 99p for 500g; bourbon biscuits, 49p for 400g.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Karpov's boycott

While many of the world's top players have assembled in Moscow for the Professional Chess Association speed chess competition, Anatoly Karpov, the Fide world champion, has pointedly travelled to Seville for a rival event. Joining him there are Boris Gelfand, Judit Polgar, Veselin Topalov and Joel Lautier.

Karpov will be hard pressed *to repeat his triumph earlier* this year at Linares after he failed to exploit an advantageous position against his chief rival for first prize.

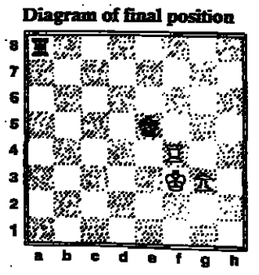
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King's Indian Defence

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2	c4	g6	
3	g3	Bg7	
4	Bg2	0-0	
5	Nc3	d6	
6	Nf3	Nc6	
7	0-0	e5	
8	d5	Ne7	
9	e4	Nd7	
10	Ne1	f5	
11	Nd3	Nf6	
12	Bg5	h6	
13	Bxf6	Bxf6	
14	f4	exd4	
15	Nxd4	Be5	
16	exf5	Bxf5	
17	Qd2	c6	
18	Kh1	Qb6	
19	Ras1	Rf7	
20	Ne6	Bxe6	
21	dxe6	Rxf1+	
22	Rxf1	Nf5	
23	Bh3	Qe3	
24	Qxe3	Nxe3	
25	Rf7	g5	
26	Rxb7	g4	
27	Bg2	Nxg2	
28	Kxg2	Re6	
29	e7	a5	
30	Rc7	Kf7	
31	Rxc6	Bxc3	
32	bxc3	Rxe7	
33	Kf2	Re4	
34	Rxc6	Rxc4	
35	Rd3	Ke6	
36	Ke2	Ke5	
37	Re3+	Kd5	
38	Kd3	Ra4	
39	Re2	Ra3	
40	Rf2	Ra4	
41	c4+	Kc5	
42	Rf5+	Kc6	
43	Kd4	Rxa2	
44	Rf8+	Kb7	
45	Rxh6	Rb2	
46	Kc3	Rb1	
47	Rh5	Ka6	
48	Rh8+	Kb7	
49	c5	a4	
50	Rh7+	Ka6	
51	Ra7	Kxc5	
52	Rxa4	Rh1	
53	Rxg4	Rxh2	
54	Kd3	Kd5	
55	Ke3	Ke5	
56	Rf4	Rh8	
57	Kf3	Ra8	
58	Rf7	Ke6	
59	Rf4	Ke5	

Draw agreed

Diagram of final position



Early results from Moscow

Malaniuk beat Kamsky; Anand beat Smirin; Ivanchuk beat Azmaiparashvili; Short beat Ehlvest. The next series of matches includes: Adams v Korchnoi; Vyzmanavin v Shirov; Kramnik v Yudasin and Timman v Kasparov.

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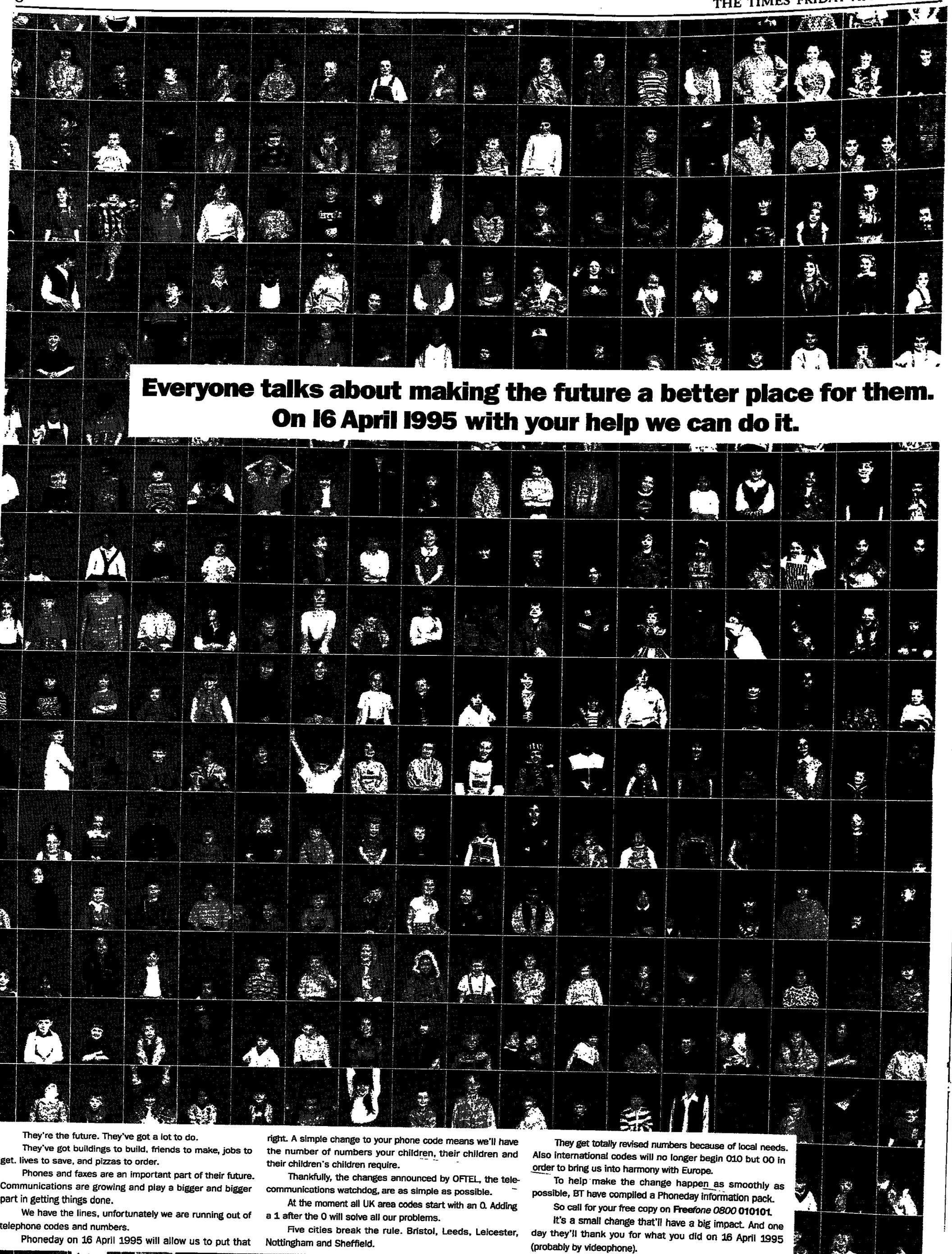
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Blackpool and Brighton head list of beaches failing minimum pollution standards

Water at biggest resorts 'unsafe for swimming'

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

LESS than 10 per cent of British beaches are guaranteed to be free of sewage pollution and safe for bathing, according to a guide published yesterday. Nearly 20 per cent, including those at leading resorts such as Blackpool and Brighton, are so heavily contaminated they fail even minimum water quality standards.

The beach at Blackpool, visited by six million people a year, is described as "very badly polluted" and "highly unsuitable for bathing". Not a single beach on the northwest coast, from Skinburness in Cumbria down to West Kirby on the Wirral, is judged clean enough to be definitely safe for bathers.

Only 71 of the 928 beaches listed in *The Reader's Digest Good Beach Guide* are said to meet the high standards for water quality set by the Marine Conservation Society. About 160 beaches, described as "heavily contaminated with sewage", fail the minimum quality standard set by the European Community, which is 20 times less strict than that required to earn the guide's approval.

Cait Loretto, editor of the guide, said: "Scientific research has shown a clear link between sewage contamination of bathing water and illness. The bathing public must be given a chance to visit only those beaches which can offer the very best water quality."

The guide bases its assessment on data supplied by the National Rivers Authority and other bodies that regularly test seawater for potentially harmful bacteria. The minimum EC requirement is that 95 per cent of water samples must not exceed a basic coliform bacteria count.

The Department of the Environment said that 140 beaches satisfied this standard, which provided "adequate health protection". But the guide claims that beaches satisfying only this standard are still "almost certainly contaminated by sewage and carry a significant health risk".

Last year, the guide gave 94 beaches its top "four dolphin" rating. The reduction to 71 this year is mainly due to the removal of a number of beaches in Scotland because they have not been regularly monitored. Most of these beaches would meet the guide's standards if they were tested.

The South West, visited by eight million tourists a year, has the highest number of clean beaches (28) and the highest number that fail even the basic standard (46). South West Water said a £900 million clean-up programme would bring bathing water at 30 resorts up to EC minimum standards by next year.

Chris Smith, the shadow Environment Secretary, said: "The Government appears to think it is perfectly acceptable for families swimming or paddling at the seaside to be doing so in raw sewage."

Among the blacklisted beaches is one enjoyed by the Health Secretary. Virginia Bottomley has swum almost every summer at Seagrove Bay on the Isle of Wight, near her family's holiday retreat.

Frazer McGilvray, a Marine Conservation Society spokesman, said: "I would recommend no one to swim there, especially a Health Secretary."

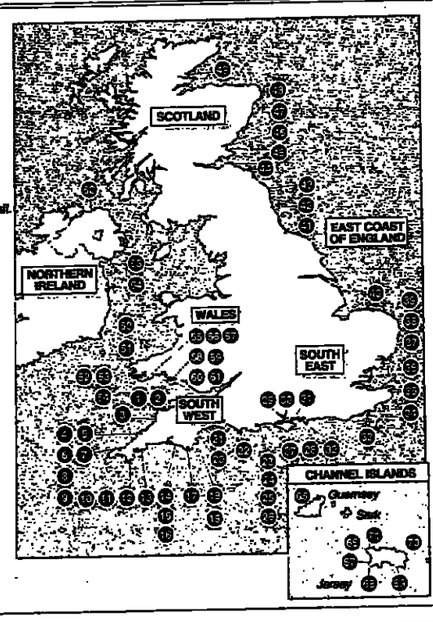
HOW QUALITY OF SEAWATER IS ASSESSED

Twenty samples are taken from each beach during the bathing season from May 1 to September 30. The samples are analysed for the number of coliform, faecal coliform and faecal streptococcus bacteria they contain. To qualify for the guide's highest accolade, all 20 samples must contain no more than 10,000 coliform bacteria per 100ml of seawater. In 16 out of 20 samples, there must be no more than 5,000 coliform bacteria per 100ml of water and in 18 out of 20 no more than 100 faecal streptococcus bacteria.

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7. Porthmeor, St Ives, Cornwall.
8. Whitesand Bay, Sennen Cove, Cornwall.
9. Prsa Sands, Ashton, Helston, Cornwall.
10. Gunwalloe Cove, Cornwall.
11. Polpeor, The Lizard, Cornwall.
12. Kennack Sands, Kuggar, Cornwall.
13. Bow or Vault Beach, Gorran Haven, Cornwall.
14. Challaborough, Devon.
15. Bigbury-on-Sea, Devon.
16. South Milton Sands, Thurlestone, Devon.
17. Mill Bay, near Salcombe, Devon.
18. Slapton Sands, Devon.
19. Blackpool Sands, Stoke Fleming, Devon.
20. Torbay, Devon.
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22. Durdle Door, Dorset.
23. Studland, Dorset.
24. Shell Bay, Dorset.
25. Poole Sandbanks, Dorset.
26. Southbourne, near Bournemouth, Dorset.
27. Hengistbury Head, Christchurch, Dorset.
28. Compton Bay, Isle of Wight.

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29. Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire.
30. Stokes Bay, Gosport, Hampshire.
31. Hayling Island, West Beach, Hampshire.
32. Selsey Bill, Hampshire.
33. Winchelsea, East Sussex.
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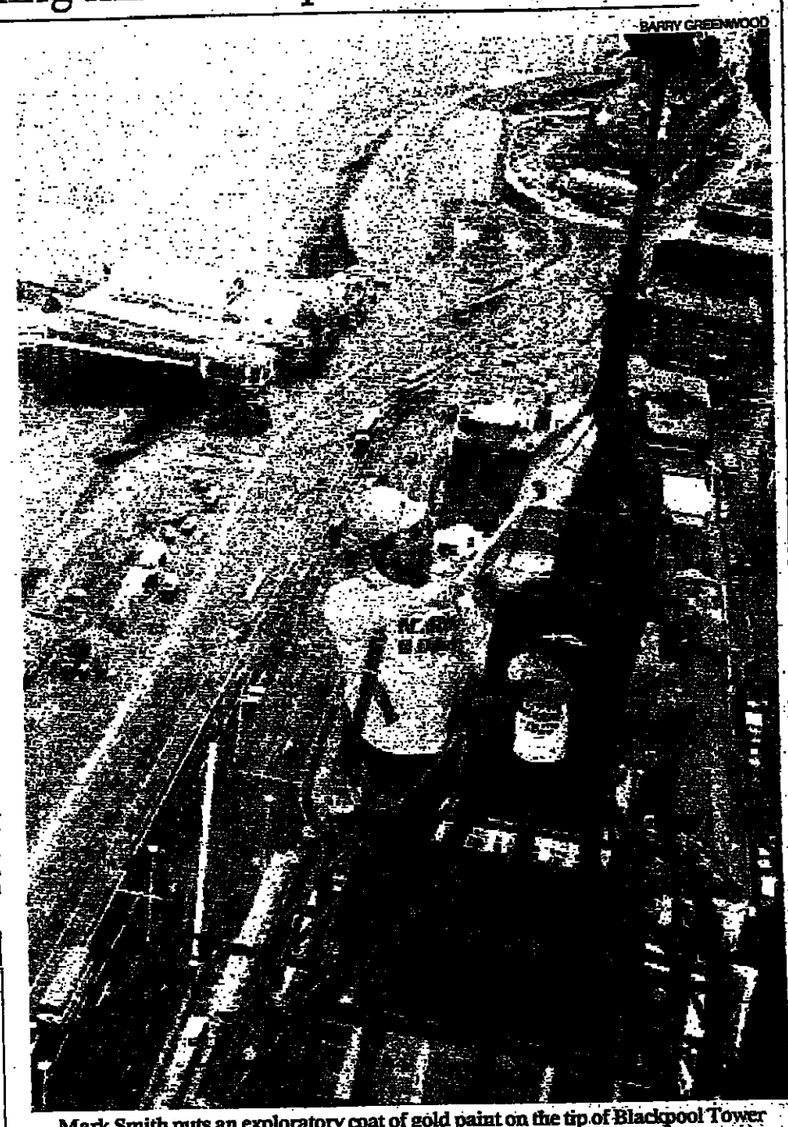
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45. St Andrews, Fife.
46. Tentsmuir Point, Fife.
47. Lunan Bay, Tayside.
48. Balmedie, Grampian.
49. Dornoch, Highland.

WALES
50. Mwnt, Cardigan, Dyfed.
51. Whitesands Bay, St David's, Dyfed.
52. Caerfai Bay, Dyfed.
53. Newgale Sands, Dyfed.
54. Marloes Sands, Marloes, Presell, Dyfed.
55. Barafundle Bay, Stackpole, Dyfed
56. Manorbier Beach, Dyfed
57. Lydstep Haven, Dyfed
58. Pembrey Sands, Llanelli, Dyfed.
59. Rhossili Bay, Rhossili, West Glamorgan.
60. Port Eynon, West Glamorgan.
61. Oxwich Bay, Oxwich, West Glamorgan.

NORTHERN IRELAND
62. Mill Strand, Portrush, Co Antrim.
63. Tyrella Beach, Clough, Co Down.
64. Cranfield, Nicholsons Strand, Kilkeel, Co Down.

CHANNEL ISLANDS
65. Vazon Beach, Guernsey.
66. St Ouen's Bay, Jersey.
67. Beau Port, Jersey.
68. Portelet Bay, Jersey.
69. Green Island, Jersey.
70. Archirondel, Jersey.
71. Piemont, Jersey.



BARRY GREENWOOD

Mark Smith puts an exploratory coat of gold paint on the tip of Blackpool Tower

At least the tower is golden

BY A STAFF REPORTER

WORKMEN with a head for heights are attempting to repair the tarnished reputation of Blackpool's not-so-golden sands by painting the resort's famous tower from top to toe in gold. Weather permitting, Britain's best known seaside landmark will have a dazzling centenary look within 12 days.

The work is being carried out by a specialist team of eight who will slap on more than 220 gallons of paint as they abseil down the tower's sides. They hope to finish before the centenary on May 14.

The facelift, the cost of which has been put at £100,000, starts on Monday, but yesterday one of the painters, Mark Smith, gave the equipment a trial run. Mr Smith, 33, from Middlesbrough, said: "It's the most difficult job I've ever done. It's not like painting the side of a skyrise block. It's a peculiar feeling because the building is hollow."

He added: "The wind can be very changeable out there. That will decide how quickly the job gets done."

The gold tower is one of the attractions tourism officials hope will boost last year's estimated 17 million visitors to Blackpool by at least a million. Another is a new roller coaster — the tallest and fastest in the world.

The Queen will be one of this year's visitors, in July, and will become the first member of the royal family to go to the top of the 518ft tower.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pupils held over thefts in Majorca

Seven teenagers on a school trip have been arrested for allegedly shoplifting in Majorca. The five boys and two girls aged about 15 from Breckfield Comprehensive in Liverpool were released after assurances from teachers that the teenagers would be kept under strict supervision for the remainder of their visit.

Merseyside Police said they had been notified and would wait for reports from education officials before deciding if any action will be taken when the teenagers return to England. Jean Valentine, the school's head teacher, said: "Obviously we are very disturbed about these reports."

Paper accused

The *Wolverhampton Express & Star* is being taken to court for allegedly identifying the address of Jill Saward, who was raped at a vicarage in Ealing, west London, in 1986. It is illegal to publish details identifying a rape victim.

Drug watch

Four thousand members of the Rail Maritime and Transport Union working for Stena Sealink are to become Customs investigators' "eyes and ears" against drug smugglers.

Attack claim

Animal rights extremists have said they carried out four incendiary attacks in Sussex, Coventry, London and Cambridge earlier this month.

Diggers found

Police have found stolen diggers worth £1.5 million in a raid at Gravesend, Kent. A man has been charged with receiving stolen goods.

Job for Jacobi

Sir Derek Jacobi has been appointed artistic director of Chichester Festival Theatre for the 1995 season.

On the road

Oxford City Council has approved a plan for rickshaws to carry farepaying passengers.

Taking flight

A rare gyr falcon sighted on Stronsay in the Orkneys has put all other birds to flight.

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Labour 'fears violence' if support for BNP wanes

BY IAN MURRAY AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Labour Party yesterday gave a warning of racial violence on the Isle of Dogs in east London before next month's local elections because, it claims, support for the British National Party there appears to be ebbing away.

Julia Mainwaring, one of three Labour candidates, said last night: "It was neck and neck between us when the campaign started, but now we feel we are starting to pull ahead. The BNP have been very gentlemanly so far but if they think they are losing their support things will get extremely nasty down here and the gloves will come off.

Mrs Mainwaring said that BNP support was initially strong among the "old islanders". "They were very vociferous and almost proud to tell you they were voting for the BNP three weeks ago. Now our arguments are getting across and they are rather more reticent, but we cannot underestimate the danger that they can still win."

The BNP is contesting all three seats in Millwall ward on the island, where it won a by-election by seven votes from Labour last September. Since then Tower Hamlets housing department says the number of racial attacks in its property has soared. The BNP victory was seen as a protest vote at the way in which Bangladeshi families had been allocated a quarter of all new housing, apparently in preference to old island families who had been waiting for new accommodation for years.



"In the first three months of this year there have been 28 serious incidents, but that is only the tip of the iceberg," an official said. "One Asian shopkeeper showed us a diary he had kept of the 47 times he had been spat at, abused, punched and attacked. He didn't report anything until the 48th occasion."

The Liberal Democrats are running behind both Labour and the BNP in Millwall ward. The party is still embarrassed and in some disarray locally after being accused of issuing racist pamphlets in last September's by-election. Jonathan Mathews, one of the Liberal Democrat candidates, hopes to win by blaming Labour for creating housing problems which inspired the BNP victory.

Tim Dickenson, a Tory candidate, is apprehensive that the BNP will win. He says that many people tell him quite openly that they intend voting for the BNP. His modest aim is to improve on the 3 per cent share of the vote he won last time, and he rejects the idea that he should stand down to avoid splitting the vote and letting the BNP in.

Skirmishing over the quality of London schools dominated the campaign yesterday as the three main parties turned the spotlight on the capital. Education standards are seen as a key campaign issue. Labour is anxious to take over Tory councils of Brent, Ealing and Hillingdon, but faces a Liberal Democrat threat in Lambeth and Southwark.

The Labour-controlled borough of Lambeth was targeted by Tory and Liberal Democrat politicians as they sought to make capital out of continuing controversy over the running of the council, claiming deterioration of educational standards.

Both parties cited the exodus of pupils from Lambeth to schools in neighbouring councils as proof that parents were dissatisfied with Labour's education policy.

However, Labour quoted an independent "value added" league table of school performance in England, which put Labour-run Camden in second place, while the Conservative flagship councils of Wandsworth and Westminster languished at 90th and 102nd respectively.



Parties locked in phoney war and fantasy politics

"D-Day Row Latest", the billboards for the *Evening Standard* proclaimed yesterday. Was this some new revelation about disagreements between Eisenhower and Montgomery over the invasion? Alas, not. Rather, it was another episode in the current phoney war between the parties. At present there is an inverse relationship between sound and fury, and substance. Very little is going on at Westminster, apart from routine debates over legislation.

Nothing has better illustrated this listlessness than the inordinate attention devoted this week to speculation about the Cabinet reshuffle and the fuss over the D-Day anniversary. As I pointed out on Wednesday, the former is an annual ritual where rumour and froth are a substitute for substance — a media-driven variation on fantasy politics.

John Major took some of the sting out of the D-Day fuss at Prime Minister's questions yesterday. His emphasis on commemoration rather than celebration was sensible, but behind the smokescreen it was in reality a tactical retreat. The whole affair has been a public relations fiasco, skilfully exploited by Labour's Peter Mandelson, who has an acute feel for the public mood and a damaging issue. When doubts are expressed by veterans' associations and by Dame Vera Lynn, who has the kind of public image which Virginia Bottomley would dearly love, then any Government knows it is in trouble.

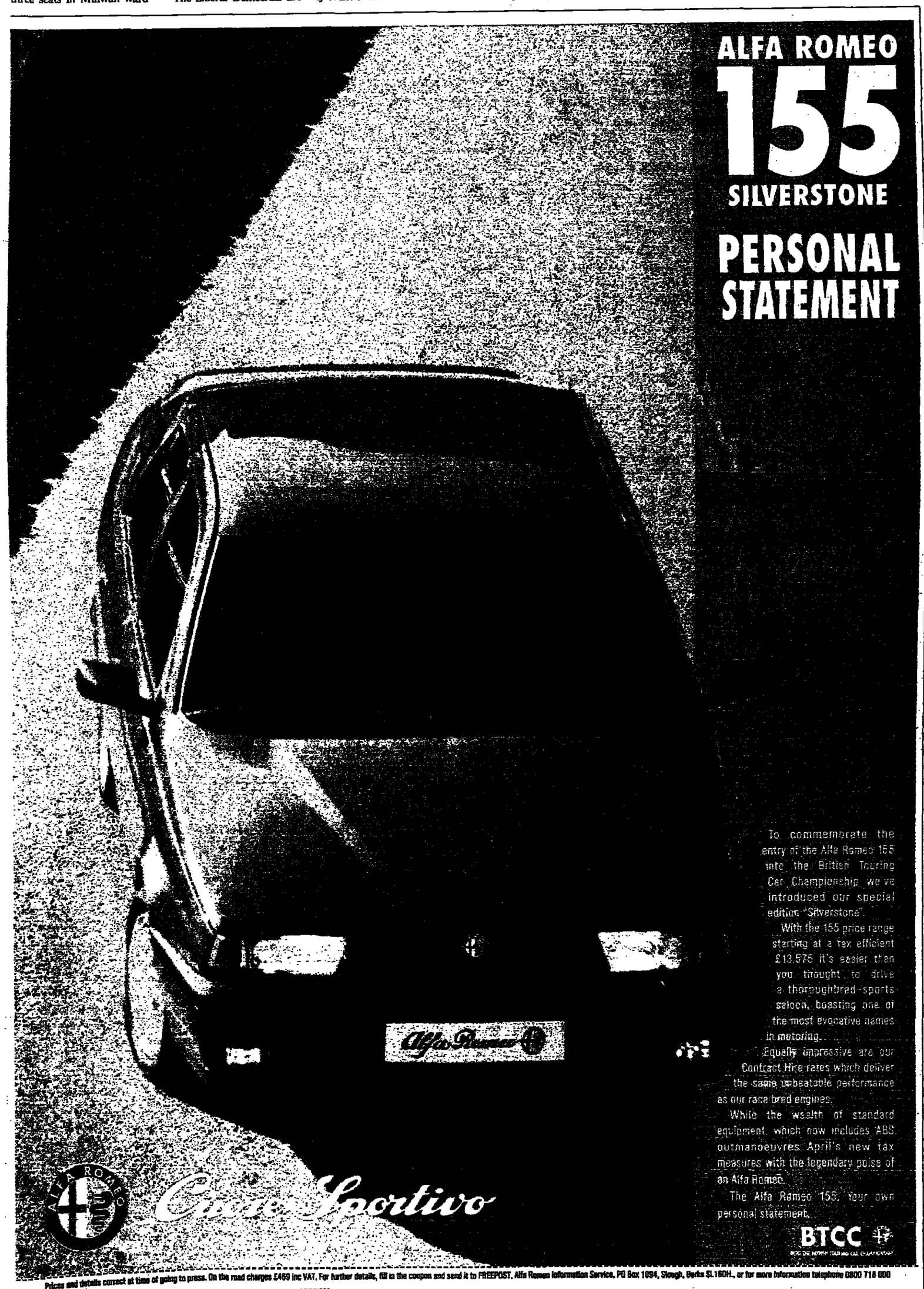
Yet its significance should not be exaggerated, as it is now being by some of the Prime Minister's longstanding critics. Mistakes have been made and it is sensible to give a bigger say to the veterans' associations, as will now happen. Some of the proposals, however well-intentioned, were a bit crass. But that is all. The affair is largely irrelevant to broader questions of Mr Major's competence and judgment in handling issues of real importance such as Europe or Bosnia.

Most political attention is, of course, focused on the local elections on May 5 and the European elections five weeks later. But even here the campaigns are largely artificial. Each party is holding press conferences every day, exchanging allegations about levels of council tax and records of service in local authorities of varying political control. Most of the charges are statistically dubious and based on skewed premises. It is all rather sterile and tedious, as well as largely wasted effort. Partisan exchanges on these matters have made the twice weekly Prime Minister's questions even more fatuous than usual. I doubt if many voters are impressed. This type of argument alienates even more of the public from politics.

Of more interest is the Government's latest attempt to talk up the economy. Bullish speeches by Kenneth Clarke, Michael Portillo and David Hunt — echoing yesterday's Cabinet discussion — mark a distinct change from the caution expressed publicly and privately earlier this year. This confidence is intended to counteract any dampening effect of the tax increases taking effect this month. Although the public has so far been sceptical about the extent of recovery, the optimism of ministers may at last be justified. But it may be too late to convince many voters over the next few weeks.

The phoney war phase will end in two weeks following the local elections. These will clarify the strengths and weaknesses of the parties. The pace of politics will then intensify before the Euro-elections and the by-elections on June 9; just three days after the D-Day anniversary. For Mr Major, that will be less a time for relaxed celebration than the start of the real political battle over his future.

PETER RIDDELL



Military vehicles 'rotting'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ARMY vehicles worth millions of pounds are rotting away in Germany while ministers delay making decisions on the future of Britain's armed forces.

The National Audit Office pinpoints widespread waste by the Ministry of Defence in pulling out hundreds of vehicles from Germany as part of plans to withdraw 27,000 troops. The withdrawals are designed to reduce the £1.3 billion budget of the British Army of the Rhine.

The report published today reveals that the first phase of the programme to reduce equipment has resulted in substantial losses of taxpayers' money. The Audit Office says that of the 1,800 non-armoured vehicles left in storage, most in the open air, more than one-third lay idle for more than a year, with a small handful being left for more than seven years.

The vehicles, which cost £74 million, have lost much of their value, but the Audit Office points out that some vehicles sold as non-runners were found to be suffering only from flat batteries and other minor defects.

The report also calls on the Ministry of Defence to sell more non-military vehicles in Germany, where they achieve higher prices than in Britain, as well as reducing transport costs.

Although the number of vehicles being stored has now been reduced to about 700, the report points to a wasteful build-up of vehicles at a storage site in Britain.

The Ministry of Defence is also criticised for slack accounting methods, with one in ten items found to be untraceable in a spot check carried out by the audit office.

AROUND THE LOBBY

MacGregor fights back

John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, last night defended the Government's transport record. Millions had been spent in connection with the Channel tunnel link, and rail investment was 50 per cent higher than a decade ago, he said in the Commons. Frank Dobson, shadow Transport Secretary, complained about waste of money on rail privatisation which should be going into improving track and rolling stock.

Photo scare

An Estonian visitor, who said she was ignorant of the rules, caused a security alert when she took a flash photograph of John Major at question time.

The week ahead

House of Commons
Today: Energy Conservation Bill, remaining stages, and Leasehold Law Reform Bill, 2nd reading.
Monday: Debate on backbench motion on education and upbringing.
Tuesday: Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill, 2nd reading.
Wednesday: Intelligence Services Bill, remaining stages.
Thursday: Debate on an Opposition motion on the NHS.
Friday: Backbench motion on the Disabled Persons Bill.
House of Lords
Monday: Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill, 2nd reading.
Tuesday: Coal Industry Bill, committee, first day.
Wednesday: Debate on the Commonwealth.
Thursday: Coal Industry Bill, committee, 2nd day.
Friday: Finance Bill, 2nd reading and remaining stages.

Selection ballot re-run

THE Labour Party has been forced to re-run a ballot to select a by-election candidate in Newham North East after allegations that at least one shortlisted candidate had broken party rules by canvassing.

Larry Whitty, the party general-secretary, yesterday called in all five candidates shortlisted to firmly remind them of the party rules.

"There have been allegations that people have gone around lobbying and canvassing for a particular candidate, which is against Labour party rules," an official said.

The shortlisted candidates are: Charles Clarke, Neil Kinnock's former chief of staff, Robin Wales, Stephen Timms, Charlotte Atkins, and Claude Moraes.

Religious right undermines Israeli leader's pledge to return Golan Heights to Syria

Rabbis tell troops to defy Rabin over eviction of settlers

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

AS YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, pledged yesterday to dismantle Jewish settlements in the occupied Golan Heights in exchange for peace with Syria, doubts grew about the number of soldiers in the Israeli army prepared to obey such an order.

Mr Rabin, in his most forthright statement yet, said: "For me peace is a more important value for the future of Israel's security than one group of settlements or another." The concern, which has taken the form of an agonised debate in a country where the army is venerated as an almost sacred institution, was prompted by a ruling by three influential rabbis that soldiers should disobey any order to evict settlers.

"You must refuse it like you would refuse an order to eat pork," they were told by Abraham Shapira, the former Chief Rabbi. The religious leaders were supported by Yitzhak Shamir, the former right-wing Prime Minister, who declared a soldier must disobey any order to remove Jews "from the homeland" as it would be equivalent to an order to kill his parents.

Israeli military correspondents estimate that about 30 per cent of all combat soldiers now come from the national religious camp, men who tend to respect rabbinical rulings and distinguished by their knitted skull caps they wear even when fighting. A report on "Israeli security and the peace process" by Tel Aviv University found that 38 per cent of respondents to an opinion survey said they would personally disobey any such military command, against 62 per cent who said they would obey it. The report noted that the willingness to contemplate conscientious objection was higher than in previous cases when it has been practised mostly by soldiers with left-wing views who refused to serve in the 1982 Lebanon war or in putting down the Palestinian Intifada in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "The situation in 1994 was at a different level", the survey concluded. "A third of the sample seemed to sense the explosive nature of the problem."



The deep social divisions prompted by the issue were dramatically highlighted when Mr Rabin made his pledge to a conference of Israel's collective farm movement, including representatives of the 32 settlements on the Golan, home to 15,000 Jews, many who have vowed not to leave peacefully.

As the Prime Minister, a former army chief of staff, declared his willingness to remove the Jewish communities which have mushroomed on the Golan since its capture from Syria in 1967, he was loudly heckled by settlers in the audience. They have the backing of a nationwide campaign of rallies, bumper stickers and banners demanding that peace include the retention of the Golan annexed by Israel in 1981. Later, Rabbi Nahum Rabinovitch, head of a religious college near Jerusalem where students combine study of the Torah with military service, made clear that the rabbinical ruling applied equally to Golan settlements as those in the Gaza Strip and in the West Bank, which some Jews regard as the biblical land of Israel. "It applies to any place and any person who is to be removed from their home against their will," the rabbi said. "It is both immoral and a criminal act to remove anybody from their home, be they an Englishman, a Jew or anyone else." The rabbi claimed wide support inside army ranks for the demand that all future orders to dismantle settlements be disobeyed. Mr Rabin has reacted angrily to the religious campaign, claiming that the demands of the rabbis for soldiers to disobey their commanders set in motion "the destruction of the Israeli defence forces and the security of the state."

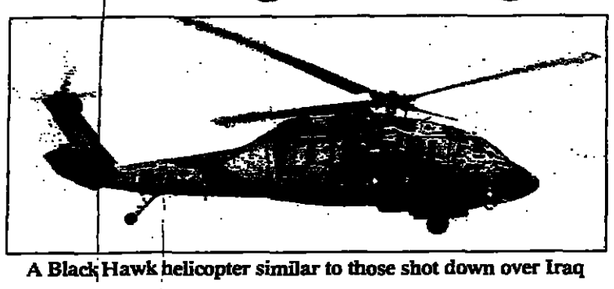
In preparation for the pull-out from the occupied territories, the Israeli Labour Ministry yesterday issued 5,000 permits for employers to recruit cheap foreign labour to replace Palestinians on building sites and farms. The majority of the construction workers are Romanian or Bulgarian while in agriculture most are Thai, the ministry said.

☐ **Beirut:** The Lebanese army dismantled a base of Abu Nidal's hardline Fatah Revolutionary Council, which was implicated in the murder of a Jordanian diplomat in Beirut.



Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, greeting Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, in Bucharest yesterday

Pentagon bungles enquiry into 'friendly fire' helicopters



A Black Hawk helicopter similar to those shot down over Iraq

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

IN THE wake of last week's "friendly fire" disaster in the Iraqi desert, the Pentagon is now making a hash of the investigation.

American officials have so far failed to give British authorities any information about their enquiries into the shooting down of two US Army helicopters by two US Air Force F15C fighters in which 26 United Nations and American military personnel, including two British officers, were killed. Yet *The Washington Times* yesterday quoted Pentagon officials as saying the systems that could have identified the Black Hawk helicopters had been turned off.

The newspaper said switches on the Black Hawks' identification friend or foe (IFF) units were in the off position when investigators sifted through the wreckage in northern Iraq. The switches might have been jarred from on to off in the crashes or turned off deliberately. One explanation for the latter is that the helicopters were on a secret mission to meet Kurdish leaders and did not want to advertise their position. The fighter pilots' decision to launch missiles was based largely on the absence of an IFF reply from the helicopters when they were queried electronically by an Airborne Warning and Control System (Awacs) aircraft. Pentagon spokesmen refused to comment on *The Washington Times* report. Yet someone had leaked the details, raising the strong possibility of inter-service discord.

William Perry, the American Defence Secretary, has promised that if individuals are found to be at fault they will be disciplined.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Get-well messages pour in for Nixon

New York: Get-well messages poured in as Richard Nixon lay critically ill after a stroke. The former president's office said: "We've received too many calls to count."

Visitors to his presidential library in California filled a dozen pages in a book. "You are a hero of mine," wrote Kevin Walters, a student. "Hang in there." Doctors said of his condition: "These are critical hours." *(AP)*

Peace meeting

Nairobi: Rwanda's warring rebels and government have agreed to attend peace talks tomorrow in Arusha, northern Tanzania. Thousands have died in the orgy of ethnic killing, the International Red Cross said. *(Reuter)*.

Envoys held

Beirut: Iraqi diplomats ordered out of Lebanon strut down the embassy and left but police at the airport arrested two of them for murder, bringing to four the number of staffers held for an April 12 shooting incident. *(Reuter)*

Tattoo ruling

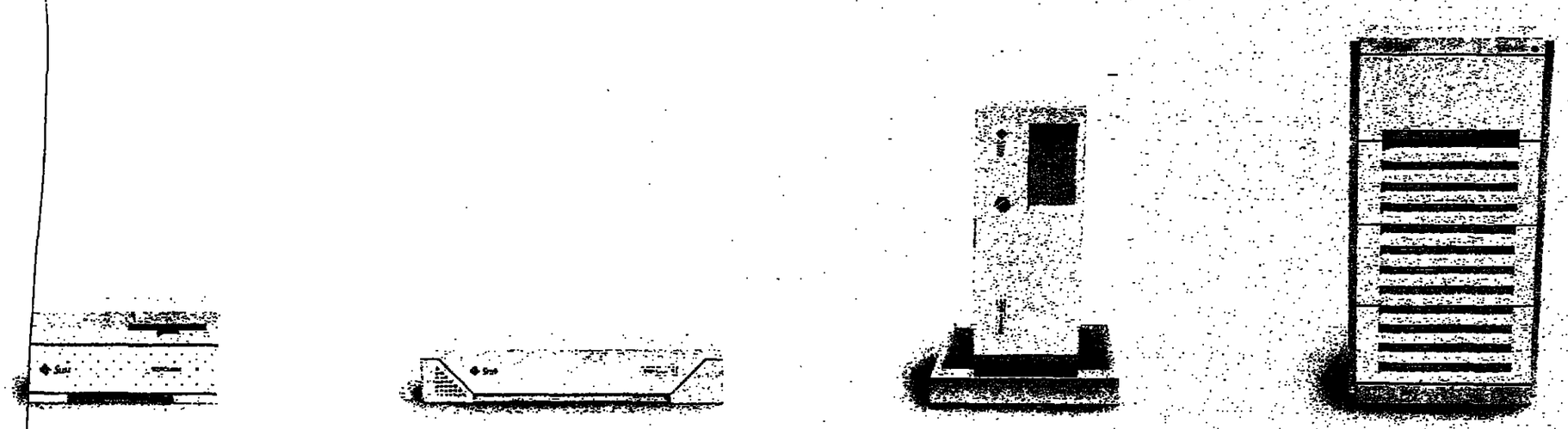
Delhi: An Indian court ordered an initial payment of £1,125 to four women who had the word "pickpocket" tattooed on their foreheads by police. An earlier ruling that police arrange plastic surgery has not been met. *(AFP)*

Pope's choice

Vatican City: The Pope has named Monsignor Javier Echevarria to head Opus Dei (God's Work), which has for long been accused of trying to create a church within the church. *(Reuter)*

Olé Cordóbes

Madrid: Manuel Benitez, the legendary Spanish bullfighter known as El Cordóbes, is to return to the ring at the age of 57. He is expected to make his first fight on May 21. *(Reuter)*



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South Africa's ruling class prepares to relinquish its 'Garden of Eden'

Whites face change with dignified distress

James Flannery reports that although most whites welcome next week's polls, stress is widespread. Photographs by *Simon Walker*



Marching into South Africa's future: men and women of the African National Congress being put through military drill exercises at a training camp in Mpumalonga, in Natal province

WEATHER-beaten Europeans sit glumly in cafés, reading headlines announcing "The End of the Road" and "Future Hangs in Balance". It is a close-of-empire scene familiar globally since the middle of the century.

Soberly dressed white politicians will, barring a spectacular upset, hand over to black technocrats who favour more flamboyant attire. The apartheid enforced by generations of whites is dying, exhausted after 40 years of denying the reality of a tenuous European toehold in Africa.

Among the remaining adherents of apartheid are a fringe of far-right groups who talk loosely of an armed revolt they cannot win: this is what many moderate whites call "brandy-and-coke bravado" after the brown-shirted, neo-Nazis' favourite tipple.

South Africa's white population appears to be largely reconciled to change. In a referendum, two-thirds of voters backed the talks leading to next week's polls.

Unlike the migrations from collapsed colonial empires, South Africa's whites really have nowhere else go. Thousands of whites from Kenya, Congo, Zambia, Zimbabwe and other independent nations created by the 1960s winds of change drifted to South Africa to escape black rule.

In any case, millions of white South Africans do not want to move. South Africa is different from colonial Africa. French, Dutch and German settlers who founded the Afrikaner nation — the true "white tribe" of Africa — started to arrive in South Africa 340 years ago, before the United States was a nation and before the United Kingdom was united.

Nevertheless, anxiety about the future unites five million whites from both English and Afrikaans-speaking groups, and is evident in the cafés and the culture. "We are marching out of the Garden of Eden," said one pensioner in a Johannesburg coffee shop.

Affluent whites live in luxury behind razor wire-tipped high walls in cage-like houses. Their air-conditioned shopping malls are crowded with every consumer item available, but signs suggest all is not well. "Pain Clinics" and "Stress Clinics" abound. South Africa is a world leader in tension-related problems such as crime, heart disease, divorce, suicide and car accidents. Newspapers are filled with advertisements about the latest domestic security devices, guns and discreet-fitting armour that can stop bullets from an AK47 assault rifle.

Influential blacks understand and even sympathise. Nelson Mandela, the leader of the African National Congress who is widely regarded as the president-in-waiting, frequently reassures business leaders that they will have a role in a state where relics of white rule are sure to vanish.

"Don't pack, madam," writes Bafano Khumalo, a black columnist ironically assuming a servant's voice. "We good natives want you, madam, and the baas [master] to stay. Besides, where will you get a job and who'll make your tea and look after the little baas?" *(Reuter)*

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Holding the future: a nanny and her young charge shopping in Johannesburg



Tide of change: no longer does petty apartheid separate whites, blacks and Coloureds on Durban's beaches



New guard: members of the recently formed National Peacekeeping Force at a base in Bloemfontein

Far right presses for homeland pledge before joining contest

BY INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTION

IN ANOTHER unexpected twist to South Africa's election saga, Ferdi Hartzenberg, leader of the Conservative Party, yesterday announced that his supporters may participate in next week's poll if key demands, including the granting of a white homeland, were met. But his conditions were rejected by Pretoria, and raised questions over his desire to participate in the election.

Dr Hartzenberg said he would only back the election if there were an assurance of a homeland (volkstaat) if a right-wing party polled more than 800,000 votes. Their participation should only be seen in terms of a referendum to test the support for a volkstaat proposal. His proposal came after talks with General Constand Viljoen, leader of the right-wing Freedom Front, who suggested in a speech that the Conservative Party (CP) may participate in the elections. General Viljoen said that all Christian people needed to vote against the communist element in the African National Congress/South African Communist Party alliance.

Dr Hartzenberg said he would call for the withdrawal of the Freedom Front from the elections if their conditions were not met because their sole reason for participation was to achieve a volkstaat, but General Viljoen rejected the CP's proposal.

Roelf Meyer, the Minister of Constitutional Development, said there was no possibility of amending the constitution and the rightwing had not approached the government to discuss the latest CP proposals. Mr Meyer added that a volkstaat would only "fragment" South Africa. President de Klerk also appeared to rule out the CP getting similar concessions to those given to the IFP. He said that Inkatha's late entry had been made possible because it had initially registered to contest the election before the deadline late in March.

Freedom Front officials said they doubted whether the CP ever intended taking part in the polls. Stephen Maninger, the Front's spokesman, believes the CP are merely throwing a large last ditch effort to achieve an agreement on a volkstaat before the elections. He said by doing this they hoped to win the moral high ground because even if their conditions were rejected they could say they had tried to reach an agreement.

A spokesman for the CP conceded that the negative reaction of the government ANC and Freedom Front towards their proposals effectively ruled them out of the election. Dr Hartzenberg said if the CP's conditions were not met, it would create difficulties in the long term for the government and ANC. He did not rule out the use of force to establish a volkstaat.

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) is rushing to cope with an extra 500 polling stations and recruit 16,000 more electoral officers since the IFP announced it would take part in the voting. Five days before of the polls open, IEC offices were jammed with prospective returning officers and monitors for the which Inkatha is now anxious to see in areas under its control.

Glen McDougall, an IEC spokesman, said that the atmosphere had swung from terror to euphoria in the townships of and KwaMashu and Umlazi. "The violence won't go away, but right now IEC monitors who could not get into Inkatha territory are now VIPs — they get mobbed by people wanting to know what democracy is all about," Mr McDougall said.

Yesterday an IEC office was destroyed by a bomb in Welbster in the Orange Free State. No one was hurt.

The South African flag will be officially lowered next week in a symbolic ceremony on the eve of black rule. The multi-party Transitional Executive Council (TEC) overseeing the change of power, elections decided yesterday that the flag, introduced in 1928, would be lowered at one minute to midnight on April 26., the first of three days of oting. The current national anth n, *Die Stem* (The Voice), would e played as the flag came down, t TEC said. South Africa's new s colour flag will be raised one mi ute after midnight to the strains of *Die Stem* and *Nkosi Sikelel' Afrika* (God Bless Africa), a hmn regarded as unofficial bla anthem.

☐ Cape Town A teacher, suspected of murder g 22 youths in a Coloured township was adored by his pupils an had joined in a search for th victims' bodies, according to newspapers here. Afzal Simons 27, believed by police to be te "Station Strangler" and one of South Africa's worst serial kers, has appeared in court and h been ordered to be detained for psychiatric tests. *(Reuter)*

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Britain threatens tough response to attacks on United Nations soldiers in 'safe areas'

Patients in Gorazde clinic killed by Serb tank onslaught

BY JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

BOSNIAN Serb tank shells hit a medical centre of Gorazde yesterday, killing between 15 and 20 patients and wounding others, United Nations sources said in Sarajevo.

The shelling came as John Major told the Commons that Britain was pressing for a "rapid and united" response to the UN call for Nato air strikes to protect all "safe havens" in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Britain remains doubtful about air strikes but Nato should help give stronger protection to the UN-designated safe areas, Mr Major said at question time. He insisted that, while keeping the objective of a negotiated settlement in view, attacks on UN troops or the safe areas "will meet with a strong response".

In Bosnia, a convoy of UN troops, including 100 British, French and Ukrainian peacekeepers along with 41 Swedish medics, set off for Gorazde yesterday morning. The multinational company is to encourage a ceasefire in one part of the town. It appears that the Serbs hope to use the UN troops to oversee the ghetto into which their ultimatum would force the estimated 40,000 residents and refugees trapped in Gorazde.

Foreign relief workers in Gorazde said that 47 people had been killed and 143 wounded between Wednesday and yesterday afternoon. Another 10 to 20 residents were killed when a makeshift annex to the town's hospital came under tank fire. The first shell exploded among sandbags shielding the facility in the ground-floor of an apartment building across the street from the hospital, clearing the path for the second. The following shell exploded inside, among patients who had



been moved from the main hospital to make space for the waves of new arrivals and medical staff. A Serb anti-aircraft artillery gun, firing explosive shells, kept officials and residents from removing the dead.

In Moscow, Vyacheslav Kostikov, President Yeltsin's spokesman, said yesterday that the Russian leader wanted the international community to reach a common position, even though Moscow was still opposed in principle to the use of air strikes.

"The situation is hot enough and time will not wait," said Mr Kostikov. "Of course we cannot expect such a meeting to take place in the next few days, but probably within a month."

Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, has revealed that Russia's historical ties to its Slav brethren in the Balkans is still very much alive. Yesterday he insisted that the Muslims and Serbs were equally toblame for the fighting in Gorazde.

Bosnian Serb leaders meanwhile reacted angrily yesterday to President Clinton's plan to extend Nato air cover to all the UN safe areas. Momcilo Krajisnik, the powerful speaker of the Bosnian Serb assembly, said that Mr Clinton's plan would be "a catastrophe not only for this region but the whole of Europe." He said that the President had declared "total war" which would spread across Bosnia's borders.

☐ **Paris:** French medical and legal charities urged the UN court at The Hague on yesterday to try Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb general, for war crimes following the shelling of Gorazde. *(Reuter)*

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CLIVE POSTLETHWAITE



Our man in Sarajevo, Robert Barnett, is packing bedding, flag and satellite phone

British envoy to Bosnia takes his sleeping bag

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

ROBERT Barnett will kiss his wife goodbye as he sets out on an arduous journey from Gloucestershire to Sarajevo this weekend, equipped with a sleeping bag and satellite telephone. He will also take a Union flag and the gravitas of Her Majesty's Government, for Mr Barnett is no convoy driver or medical aid worker but Britain's first envoy to the Republic of Bosnia.

Mr Barnett, 39, hopes to open the British embassy in Bosnia on Monday, provided the airport is open and he can get there in time. If the past two weeks are any guide though, he may be stranded for days in the Croatian port of Split waiting for a lift by UN plane or lorry to the city. As the only person at the embassy, holdingsway over two rooms at the UN headquarters just across the road from the Bosnian Presidency, he will have to hoist the flag.

"My first tasks will be helping to co-ordinate the reopening of telephone lines and vital services," said Mr Barnett, who will be chargé d'affaires. "I will have an armoured vehicle, but I intend to stroll around the city."

Britain has hesitated to open an embassy until now because it was deemed too dangerous. But the ceasefire which followed the threat of air strikes in February after the market-place massacre have changed attitudes. "We feel recent developments have created new opportunities," a government spokesman said. France, Iran and Turkey already have embassies in Bosnia, while America is planning to build its own instead of taking over existing premises as others have. The German envoy covers Croatia and Bosnia, while Croatia hopes to open its own embassy in Sarajevo next week.

Mr Barnett leaves as assistant head of the Eastern Adriatic desk at the Foreign Office to take up his new posting. He first visited Sarajevo three weeks ago, and returned last week to prepare for the opening. His wife Caroline, and children, Adam and Oliver, will stay at home in Maugersbury, Gloucestershire. Mr Barnett says: "I intend to stay for four weeks initially, then take a couple of days' leave before returning for another month. That is the pattern I think I will follow."

The new British envoy says he was appointed after suggesting himself for the position to Baroness Chalker, the Overseas Aid Minister.

☐ **Paris:** The French Foreign Ministry yesterday summoned the Yugoslav chargé d'affaires, protested at the withdrawal of press accreditation from a number of French correspondents, including AFP, and demanded that Belgrade reverse its decision speedily, according to spokesman Richard Duqu said. *(AFP)*

America's allies struggle to follow Clinton's policy on the Balkans

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

■ For two years, Nato and the United Nations have been trying to pin down President Clinton's "commitment" to Bosnia. Now they wonder how he will react if a deal can be reached

PRESIDENT Clinton told his Nato allies here earlier this year to "get serious" about Bosnia and not to promise more than they could deliver. In spite of that warning, however, and the US President's plan to carry out more air strikes against the Bosnian Serbs, Nato and the United Nations are still muddling along without a clear end in view.

Governments are piling up declarations of their determination to defend the six "safe areas", but they are undermining their resolutions by failing to define how far the UN and the alliance can or will go to protect the Muslim towns from attack. As Nato analysts pointed out yesterday, to capture the towns which they consider important, the Serbs only have to find out where the limits of Nato's action lie and then be prepared to go one step further. The Serbs are poised to overrun the mainly Muslim enclave of Gorazde partly because they calculated, correctly, that Nato would not fight head-on. Lord Owen, the European Union negotiator, said earlier this week, the siege of Sarajevo was lifted after Nato threatened air raids partly because the Serbs did not see the city as a vital or attainable prize.

Some of the most important signals admitting that Gorazde was a lost cause emerged from Washington. Now Mr Clinton has changed direction, confusing European capitals still further, by suggesting that Nato pressure on the Serbs should be escalated. "It's horribly unclear how much we're supposed to do," one Nato official said yesterday.

In spite of more than two years of transatlantic diplomacy devoted to trying to align European and American policy, there is still a yawning gap. Co-ordination is made all the more difficult by America's semi-detached attitude to Bosnia-Herzegovina, varying between angry concern and indifference, and by Washington's bewildering new habit of falling in and out of love with the UN.

America strains to avoid irreversible or expensive involvement in Bosnia and Mr Clinton's team in Washington emphasise that for the sake of its economy the United States must take advantage of the end of the Cold War's and reduce its role as global policeman. However, the hard-headed policy of leaving Europe's problems to the Europeans would offend another strain in American foreign policy. The horrors of ethnic cleansing and Serbia's breaking of almost every rule of international behaviour persuades many members of America's political class that they have a duty to intervene.

Mr Clinton's allies are muddled: such oscillations give little clue about how the President will weigh up the settlement which, one day, will be reached in Bosnia. Realistic diplomats struggling to resuscitate talks know any deal will be open to the criticism that it allows the Serbs to keep too many of their ill-gotten gains. Mr Clinton will be able to shoot it down if he feels inclined.

Without admitting as much in public, Britain and France want only to apply pressure to the Serbs so they will enter serious peace talks. America recently brokered one important Bosnian agreement but then astonished its partners by refusing to pay its part of the peacekeeping bill.

London and Paris wonder which policy will prevail at the White House when a peace deal looks possible.

Art expert frames the real Madame Picasso

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

HUNDREDS of Picasso paintings and drawings from the 1920s depict the artist's secret romantic obsession with a beautiful American socialite, Sara Murphy, and not his first wife Olga, according to a leading Picasso scholar.

Art historians have hitherto believed that such Picasso masterpieces as *Woman in White* and *Madame Picasso* represent Olga Koklova, a ballerina with Diaghilev's company whom he married in 1918, but new research indicates these and other works were inspired by the artist's covert *infatuation* with the bewitching Sara.

"Picasso was mesmerised by Sara," writes William Rubin, former head of painting and sculpture at the Metroplitan Museum of Art in New York, in a forthcoming article in *Art News* magazine. Mr Rubin also claims the painter may *have lied to interviewers and* intentionally misdated his works in order to hide from his wife an adulterous fixation with another woman.

Sara was a doyenne of the jazz age, an object of adoration not only to Picasso but also to such towering artistic figures as Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Picasso first met Sara in 1921 and the two couples both lived at the Hotel du Cap in Antibes in 1923. When Gerald Murphy went to Venice to work with Cole Porter on the ballet "Within the Quota", Picasso used his "animal magnetism" to court Sara, writes Mr Rubin, adding the suggestion *that* her husband, meanwhile, may have been having a homosexual affair with Porter.

Whether the highly-charged relationship between Picasso and Sara was ever *consummated remains* unknown, but the magnetism of the glamorous American hostess is plainly reflected in the artist's huge output between 1921 and 1924, when she finally rejected his attentions.



Picasso with Sara Murphy in the early 1920s



A detail from *Woman in White*, painted in 1923

NEWS IN BRIEF

Magistrate spurns Berlusconi

Rome: Judge Antonio di Pietro, the magistrate spearheading the exposure of Italy's two-year-old corruption scandal, yesterday refused for a second time an offer from Silvio Berlusconi to become Justice Minister if as expected Signor Berlusconi is named Prime Minister-designate (John Phillips writes). The judge denied he was discussing the issue with the right-wing supremo, saying "there is no negotiation. I have never met Berlusconi and do not know him."

Envoy expelled

Athens: Greece has expelled another Albanian diplomat, the second in ten days, intensifying a row between the neighbouring Balkan states. Relations worsened when Tirana accused Athens of staging a cross-border raid on April 10 in which two Albanian soldiers were killed and three injured. *(Reuter)*

Victory vote

Riga: The Latvian government narrowly won a vote of confidence but failed to secure parliament's approval of a Russian troop withdrawal deal. The nationalist opposition objects to a provision allowing 20,000 Russian military officers and their families who settled in Latvia to remain. *(Reuter)*

Fire arrests

Bonn: German police have arrested six youths aged between 14 and 16 in connection with a petrol-bomb attack on the home of 15 Turks in Bielefeld in a neo-Nazi inspired attempt to celebrate Adolf Hitler's birthday. Nobody was injured.

Lager out

Amsterdam: Workers at the two main Dutch breweries of Heineken, the world's second largest brewer, launched an indefinite strike after wage talks collapsed. The strike, the first ever at Heineken over pay, is expected to erode supplies in days. *(Reuter)*

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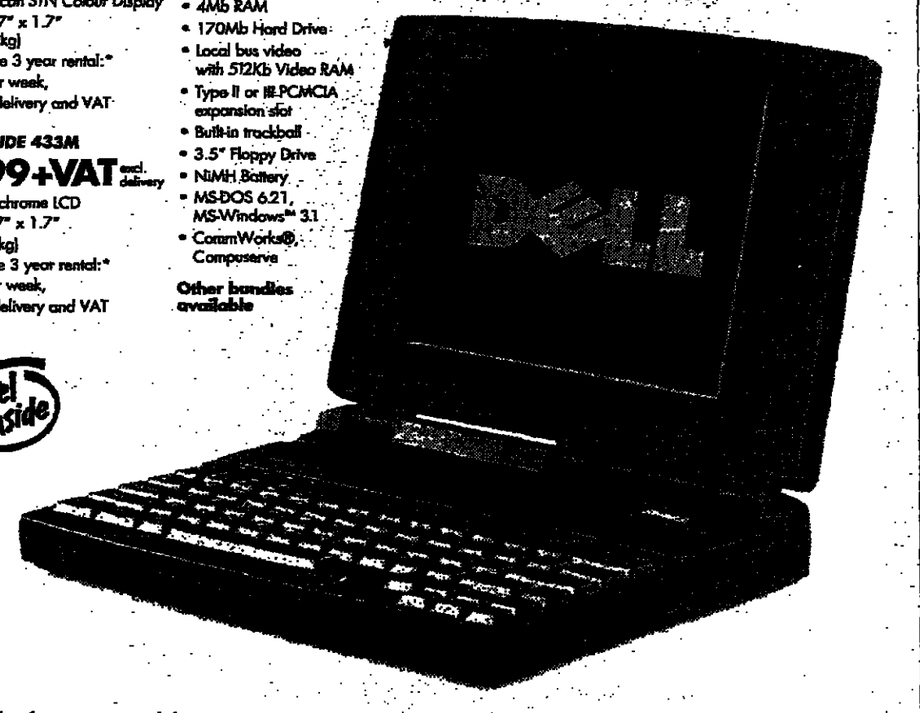
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Britain to contest Hong Kong teenager's punishment in spray-paint case

Singapore to cane second foreigner for vandalism

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN SINGAPORE

BRITAIN is to join the United States in contesting Singapore's intention to cane nationals convicted of offences in the island republic.

Yesterday a second foreign teenager was sentenced to 12 strokes of the cane by a Singapore court when he was found guilty of four charges of vandalism, mischief and traffic offences. Shiu Chi Ho, 16, from Hong Kong, was also given an eight-month prison sentence and fined 1,500 Singapore dollars (£660).

Shiu, son of an actress with the Singapore Broadcasting Corporation where his father is drama director, had denied the four charges against him, each of which carried a mandatory three lashes of a rattan cane on the bare buttocks on conviction. He was released on bail of 75,000 Sigapore dollars pending an appeal. His mother, Fong Shui Fun, broke down on hearing the sentence.

Britain is to make an approach to Singapore for clemency in Shiu's case and has already done so in the case of Emmanuel Yankson, a Briton sentenced in February to four years' jail and four strokes of the rattan for burglary, theft and visa offences.

District Judge F. G. Remedios, passing sentence on Shiu, said: "It is obvious these offences were committed wilfully. The court must consider the needs of society."

At the same time, Michael Fay, 18, an American who has lived in Singapore with his mother and stepfather since 1992, is awaiting the outcome of a clemency appeal he made on Wednesday to President Ong of Singapore.

Fay, in Queenstown prison, has been sentenced to six strokes of the cane after pleading guilty to two charges of vandalism by spray-painting cars, two of mischief for tossing eggs at other vehicles and one of retaining stolen road signs last September.

A decision is expected within the next few days on the caning sentence, which is said to cause permanent scars. President Clinton has called the sentence "extreme" and said it would be a mistake to cane the teenager, but the Singapore government has said it would not intervene. Singapore defends beating, saying it wants to prevent this tightly run city state becoming crime-ridden like America.

The case has caused controversy in America and elsewhere; many Americans, it seems, believe Singapore's tough laws, including caning, are justified if they keep down the crime rate but groups such as Amnesty International have protested against the sentence as an issue of human rights.

Fay has insisted privately that he is innocent, but confessed as a result of a police beating. He pleaded guilty only because his family believed he would be spared a caning, he has said. Tan Teow Yeow, for Shiu, told the court yesterday that the youth, who holds a British Hong Kong passport, had been too young to realise the seriousness of what he had done. He was shortly to start military service which, Mr Tan said, would correct any "wayward" tendencies. "Until this unfortunate incident, Shiu was a member of a typical Singapore family," Mr Tan told the court. "The parents had high hopes for their children. Now they are about to see their dreams shattered."

Mr Tan cited testimonials from academics and others saying Shiu was a lively and helpful youth. Mr Tan said he would appeal against the vandalism conviction and the sentence. Shiu's father, Shiu Chung On, said last night: "No matter how he is punished, my son will not admit guilt. I also don't understand why the judge did not consider my son's alibi."

Shiu's parents and two of his friends had given alibis, saying the accused was at home and at a disco during some of the period when the crimes were committed. "I am disappointed with the sentence. Singapore is a good place except for this thing," the father said.

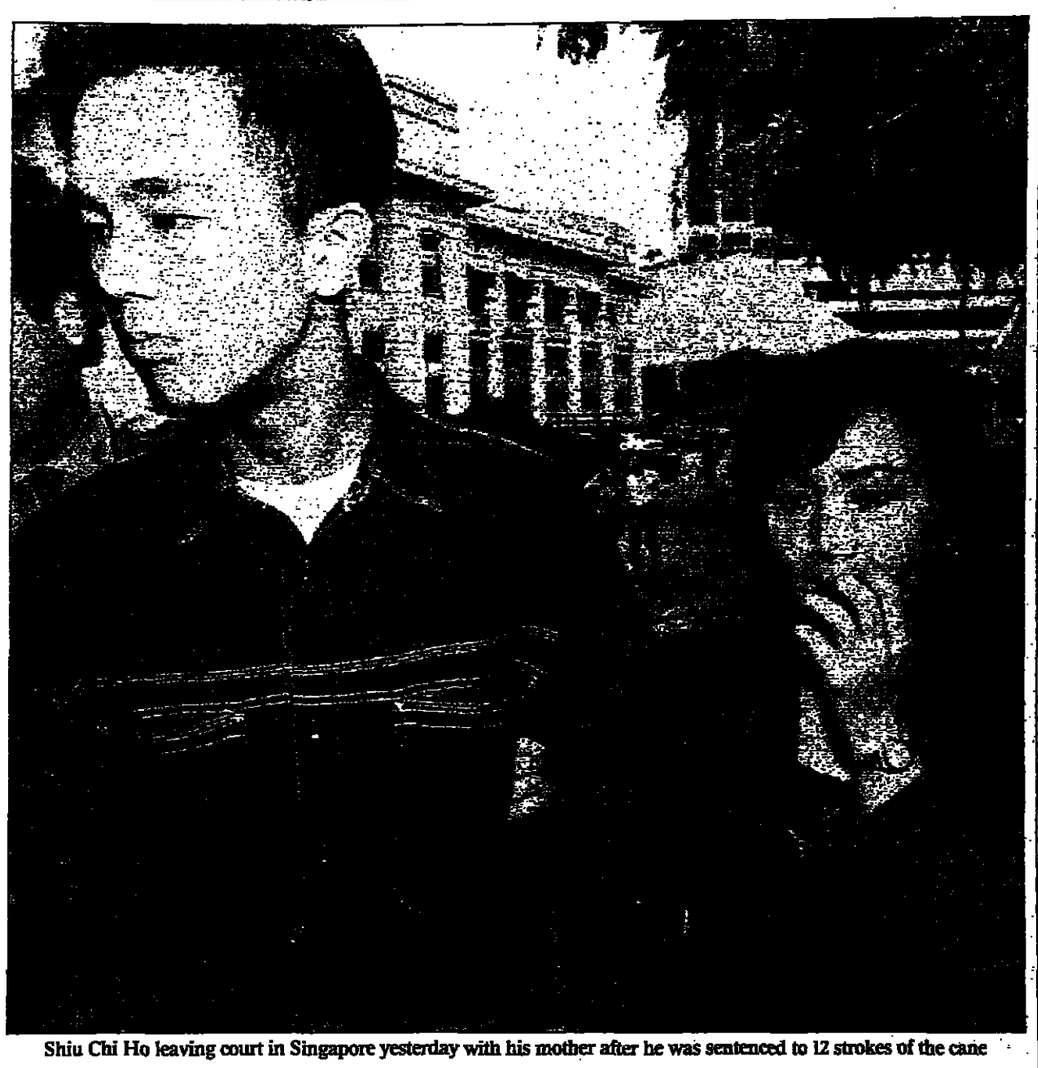
During his trial, Shiu alleged that oral and written statements he had made to police last October were coerced by beatings and threats. Police denied the allegations and the judge ruled that the confessions were admissible as evidence. The defendant had earlier told the court that police interrogators had punched him on the chest, slapped his face, struck him with elbows to the back of the neck, and beat him on the leg with a ruler.

A Malaysian boy, 15, who allegedly received a beating by police in which his hearing was impaired, has still to be tried on similar charges.

A government list released last month mentioned just one 17-year-old previously flogged for vandalism, a Singaporean who received three strokes and three months in 1985 for spray-painting the wall of a block of public-housing flats.

The list cited 12 Singaporeans and two foreigners, aged 18-21 years, who received caning sentences for vandalism since 1989, with eight the highest number of strokes received.

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Shiu Chi Ho leaving court in Singapore yesterday with his mother after he was sentenced to 12 strokes of the cane



Fay: Clinton branded caning "extreme"

Ex-Major adviser lambasts Patten

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

SIR Percy Cradock, the former foreign affairs adviser to Margaret Thatcher and John Major, attacked British policy in Hong Kong yesterday in terms that will be welcomed by Peking.

During a visit on behalf of several British companies that invest in China, Sir Percy avoided Chris Patten, the Governor, but called on Zhou Nan, Peking's de facto ambassador in Hong Kong, whom he called "an old friend and an old sparring partner", a reference to 1982-84 when the two led the negotiations to return the British colony to China's rule in 1997.

Sir Percy referred to Mr Patten's policies as "a con trick", and to the Governor as "a bluff figure striding about in the sunset years", ignoring the "cerebral" policies that had previously led to agreements between Britain and China.

He accused the Governor of encouraging the Legislative Council, which must vote on his proposals to enlarge the electorate for the 1995 elections, into a suicidal "Charge of the Light Brigade", after which Mr Patten will withdraw from Hong Kong. Sir Percy said he hoped that the council would defeat Mr Patten's proposals when they are put to a vote this spring.

He added that Britain's change of policy in 1992, when Mr Patten became Governor, arose from a conviction after the 1989 Tiananmen Square killings that "it was wrong to deal with China . . . let's knock the Chinese about a bit and they'll soon climb down".

China yesterday sharply criticised a Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee report that backed the tough stance on Hong Kong, saying it showed Britain wanted continued confrontation with Peking in the style of 19th-century colonialists.

Rebels tell Sihanouk to get out

Phnom Penh: King Norodom Sihanouk said he had been warned by the Khmer Rouge to leave Cambodia because the security situation could soon deteriorate.

The king said he had rejected the advice from Khieu Samphan, the nominal head of the Khmer Rouge, and would remain in Cambodia, because he "cannot just run away from the people". *(Reuter)*

Rape rebuke

Sydney: The Australian government rebuked Michael Rozenes, its chief prosecutor, for telling court workers that raping a man is a worse crime than the rape of a prostitute. *(Reuter)*

Dinner service

Portland, Oregon: Tonya Harding, the US figure skater, has served meals to old people as part of her sentence for conspiring to cover up a plot to attack Nancy Kerrigan, her rival. *(AFP)*

Excess wives

Kuala Lumpur: A Singaporean man with ten "wives", who is believed to head a Muslim sect, was charged by an Islamic court for breaching religious law, which allows a man up to four. *(AFP)*

Naked ambition

Melbourne: A topless takeaway shop that outraged women's groups has angered McDonald's. The fast food chain has threatened legal action unless "McTits", where staff in see-through aprons serve food, drops the "Mc" prefix. *(AFP)*

Hearty winner

Geneva: A Chinese doctor, who designed a necklace with a mini-computer to detect heart problems, has won the top prize at Geneva's annual inventors' contest. The device should be on sale soon for about £65. *(Reuter)*

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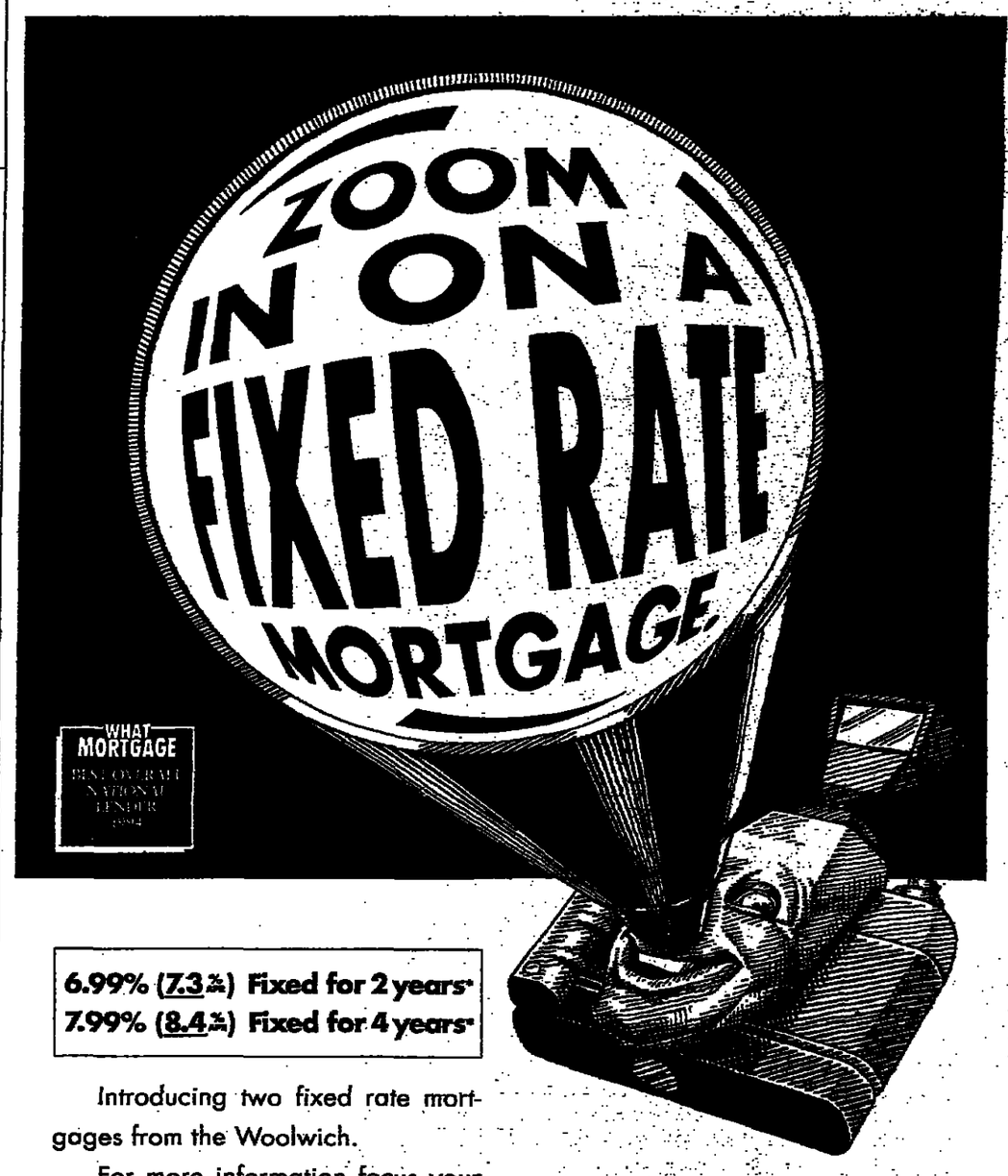
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Nuclear inspectors accuse North Koreans of secretly diverting uranium

Pyongyang could build five bombs in weeks, US says

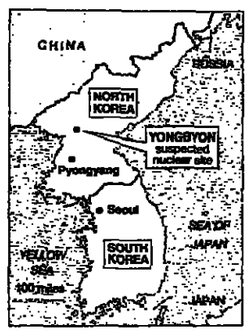
BY BRUCE CHEESMAN IN SEOUL AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

WILLIAM PERRY, the American Defence Secretary, turned up the heat yesterday over the North Korean nuclear programme by disclosing that Pyongyang could have processed enough plutonium to build up to five bombs within weeks.

Mr Perry's remarks at a press conference in Seoul are expected to spur calls for International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) officials to return to North Korea for further inspection of its suspected nuclear weapons programme.

United Nations nuclear inspectors looking for evidence of the alleged bomb project must be present in North Korea when it removes the core of its main power reactor, a UN spokesman said. David Kyd, for the IAEA, said it was "vitally important to be there" to determine if radioactive fuel had been diverted from the Yongbon reactor for use in a covert arms programme.

"We want to see if it [the fuel core] has been partially or largely changed since it was installed in 1986," he said. The reactor core has to be changed in the coming weeks. North Korea denies diverting fuel from the reactor but Mr Kyd said it had been closed for 100 days in 1989, which would have been an opportunity to remove uranium in secret.



Commenting on reports that North Korea had invited IAEA inspectors back again after an abortive visit last month, Mr Kyd said that the agency responded positively to the new North Korean offer, but there was no agreement on the conditions of a fresh inspection. Mr Perry, who left for Tokyo after meeting South Korean government officials to come up with further ways to get the recalcitrant North to come clean on its nuclear weapons programme, said Pyongyang was only weeks away from removing the fuel rods from a 25-megawatt reactor.

While anxious to put the pressure back on North Korea after a recent impasse in the nuclear dispute, with America and South Korea giving Pyongyang the chance to respond to a China-backed UN statement calling for further IAEA inspections, Mr Perry allayed fears of imminent war on the peninsula.

The South Koreans also flexed their muscles with a government announcement on Wednesday that the annual Team Spirit military exercises with America, suspended last month as a concession to Pyongyang, would go ahead in November unless there were a charge of heart from the North.

☐ **Aide held:** A bodyguard of Kim Jong Il, the son of President Kim Il Sung of North Korea, has been arrested while in hiding in China and deported to Pyongyang, Seoul newspapers reported. *(AFP)*



William Perry, after winding up discussions in Seoul yesterday, demanding that the North Koreans open up their nuclear plants for full international inspection

'Urban survival syndrome' wins killer reprieve

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

AMERICA has been left wondering if there is still a distinction between the law of the jungle on its streets and the law of the land in its courts, after a mistrial was declared in the case of a black teenager who claimed he was responding to "urban survival syndrome" when he shot dead two black rivals.

Daimion Osby, 18, ended a long, bitter feud with cousins Willie "Peanut" Brooks, 28, and Marcus Brooks, 19, by gunning them down in a car park in Fort Worth, Texas, last April. He claimed that the cousins had threatened him with a shotgun the previous week.

His lawyers argued that Osby's upbringing in a poor, violent black neighbourhood of Fort Worth had convinced him that his only means of survival was to kill his enemies. They defined "urban survival syndrome" as "the fear that black people have of other black people".

Although 11 jurors rejected that defence, one, the foreman Artis Barnett, refused to vote to convict Osby on the two murder counts, and after three days of deliberations the jury of nine whites and three blacks remained deadlocked on Wednesday and a mistrial was declared.

The case may be the first in which the Darwinian struggle for survival on America's gun and drug-infested streets has been elevated to a legal principle. Prosecutors have demanded a retrial, claiming that the "urban survival syndrome" defence is racist and ridiculous. "It's basically saying young black men's lives don't deserve the same protection as others in our society," said Suzanne Hudson, the assistant district attorney.

Several jurors scorned the defence tactics, pointing out that Osby was the only one of three men who was armed at the time of the shooting.

"I was born and raised in New York city," said one juror, identified only as Paul, "and I find it to be totally bunk. We went in the back and laughed about it. We thought it was all a big joke."

Mr Barnett has defended his lone decision not to convict, telling lawyers that he believed Osby had opened fire on the two men in justified self-defence.

Bill Lane, for the defence, said he was pleased that at least one juror had accepted his argument that young black men in American ghettos are brought up to follow a different, horribly violent code of behaviour from the rest of society.

Mr Lane said that he planned to employ the same defence if his teenager client were brought to trial a second time.



President Kim Il Sung of North Korea, left, the "Great Leader", and his son Kim Jong Il

Doomed regime sets store on nuclear security

For the beleaguered North Korea, joining the exclusive club of nations with nuclear weapons is all a question of survival, ***Lawrence Freedman*** *writes*

The crisis over North Korea's nuclear programme has proved to be drawn-out. All parties are developing a stake in prevarication: the North Korean leadership, President Kim Il Sung, the "Great Leader", and his son Kim Jong Il, the "Dear Leader", so that they can get closer to achieving weapons capability without suffering any penalties: their neighbours in East Asia because they fear what North Korea might do if sufficiently provoked; and the Americans, because they are unable to match a tough stance with effective pressure.

Inevitably, much of the debate has been couched in terms of threats to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and anxieties about the sort of states to which North Korea might eventually transfer its nuclear know-how. Pyongyang is not, however, developing nuclear weapons with the prime objective of unsettling the global non-proliferation regime or stoking the flames of conflict elsewhere. It is developing them for its security.

Part of the difficulty in making sense of Pyongyang's behaviour is that it has so many reasons to feel insecure it is not altogether clear which particular source of vulnerability the nuclear programme is designed to address.

All nuclear powers have explained their programmes in terms of their fear of another country's hostile nuclear intent. North Korea has pointed to Japan, but it is not clear whether this is a pretext, playing on Korean distrust of Japan, or is genuine.

It is more likely that the nuclear programme represents the last desperate hope of a doomed regime. As with other Asian communist states it has not yet suffered the fate of European communism; unlike the others it has failed to develop a survival strategy based on a non-Marxist injection of capitalism and access to Western market. Its former patrons — Russia and China — are now more interested in the wealthy South.

The North's future is bound up with unification with the South. The two claim to desire such a coming together. However, the South, having watched the stressful German experience, is not anxious to push the issue while the North knows that any unification on its terms could only be achieved by force.

Perhaps the North's Old Guard harbours plans for one last push against the South. To its frustration, the conventional military balance if anything favours the South. It hopes that long-range missiles, possibly equipped with chemical and nuclear weapons, might tilt things in its favour; and while the Americans could neutralise such a threat, once Pyongyang is considered to be a nuclear power Americans will think twice before joining in a war.

A second explanation may be one of genuine insecurity, bordering on paranoia. It feels threatened by the conventional imbalance on the South's favour. The third explanation suggests that the crisis is internally focused, intended to rally support for the regime by creating a war atmosphere. There have even been allegations to the effect that amid such an atmosphere the whole programme is a gigantic bluff. The regime is playing for very high stakes. In the long-term scaring off the Americans could lead to South Korea reappraising its own nuclear status — in which case Japan and Taiwan might begin their own reappraisals. In the short term, continued prevarication may produce irresistible pressure for economic sanctions. The North's media have described such sanctions as tantamount to war. This indicates that the risis is dangerous not only because of North Korea's nuclear aspirations, but because these are symptomatic of the anxieties of a ruthless regime which lacks a credible future.

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What makes Dame Vera Lynn such a potent political force at the age of 77, asks **Julia Llewellyn Smith**

Nothing like a dame to spoil the party

Last week Dame Vera Lynn was singing *We'll Meet Again* at the launch of the Government's D-Day celebrations. John Major sang lustily along with her.

Today she is another thorn in the Prime Minister's side, at the very centre of the row over the plans to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Normandy landings.

Dame Vera's threat to pull out of the jamboree in Hyde Park has been the last straw for ministers, who had hoped to turn a solemn event into a party for the nation. Her protest, on top of outcries from veterans' associations across the land, was the one that sent the Government into retreat.

Why should a 1940s pop star have such an effect on the powers that be? Why does the crooner of a few sentimental ballads hold such power? It is difficult to think of any modern-day singer who could deal such a serious blow.

Dame Vera has become part of our national heritage, the singing voice of contemporary history. No veterans' reunion would be complete without one of her tunes, no national celebration tenable without her plaintive voice. At 77, she is still the forces' sweetheart, a living testimony to Noël Coward's views on the potency of cheap music, especially in wartime.

"The White Cliffs of Dover brings tears to my eyes," says Sidney Goldberg, of the Normandy Veterans Association. "I get emotional about the period and as soon as I hear that song it evokes memories. Those songs represented certain sentiments of that time.

"We didn't have television then, we didn't have other distractions, so this music was particularly important. These were tunes people could remember, that they could whistle in the street. You couldn't do that with anything in the Top Ten today."

Dame Vera hit a nerve with her choice of songs, but it was her background, too, that appealed to a nation holding itself together through the Blitz. She was born in the East End of London, her father was a plumber and she was only seven when she first appeared on stage at the East Ham Working Men's Club.

Her strong, clear voice and straightforward, soupy ballads, that she loved even then, made her an immediate hit and before long she was performing regularly in local variety halls, concert platforms and at trade union benefits.

She was never a star at school and was happy to leave at 14. She lasted one day, sewing on buttons, in a local factory, then quit. Her mother and father let her do it; she was earning more in a week from singing than she could make in a month from sewing.

At that time, she was Vera Welch, but as she grew more successful she changed her surname to Lynn, her grandmother's maiden name. By the age of 18, she was singing with the Joe Loss Band. At 21, she had achieved her dream of owning her own house.

As Britain edged closer to war, she was broadcasting to the nation with the big band leaders such as Howard Baker and Ambrose. Nightclubs across the country would tune in and dance to their performances. When they were over for the night, she would slip on her cloth coat and queue for the number 15 bus to take her from Regent Street home to East Ham.

When the war began, she went solo and in 1940 launched her own BBC radio series, *Sincerely Yours*, with its signature tune, "Wishing", which went out to troops all over the world. She was the link between them and their girls back home, whose letters she read out between sentimental favourites. During the Blitz she would sleep in the theatre until the all-clear went and then drive her Austin Ten back through the ruins of the night's bombing.

The BBC grew worried that the songs would sap the men's vitality and tried to take her off the air, but by now she was the most popular female vocalist in Britain and the plans were dropped. One comedian said: "The war was started by Vera Lynn's agent."

In 1944, she toured Burma with Ensa, the armed forces entertainment organisation, and won a place in the heart of the "Forgotten Army". She arrived home on D-Day, June 6, 1944, admitting that what she had witnessed on the front line had made her grow up.

After the war, she returned to the variety circuit, managed by Harry Lewis, her husband, who had been the clarinettist in the Ambrose band. Her baby daughter, Virginia, now married to an RAF squadron leader, came everywhere with her. In its early days she was distrustful of television, but after she won her own series for Rediffusion and the BBC, she grew to love it. She was enormously successful in America, too, appearing regularly on Tallulah Bankhead's radio show and was the first British singer to have a number one hit there, with *Auf Wiedersehn*.

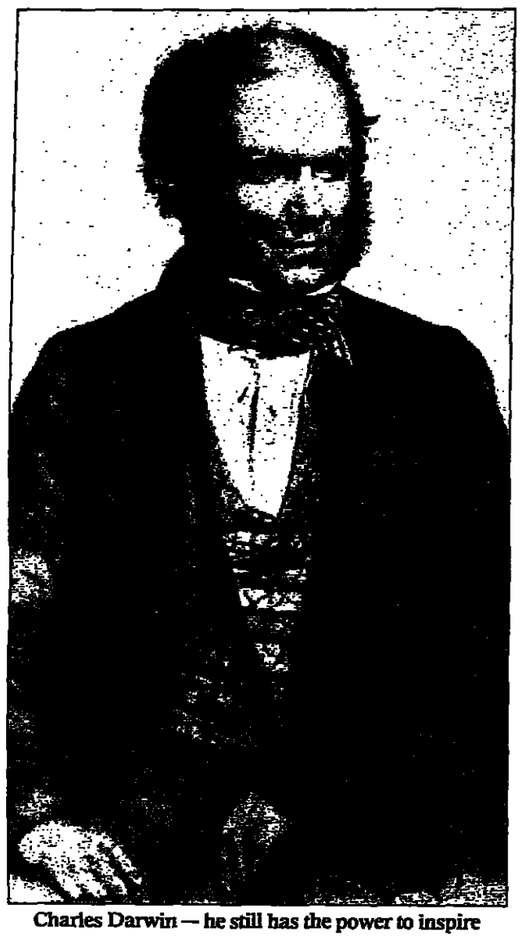
She was awarded the OBE in 1969 and in 1975 was made a Dame. Today she lives with Harry in the tiny East Sussex village of Ditchling, where she follows a fat-free diet and spends her spare time painting. She has helped to raise millions for charity, especially the Spastics, and her singing voice is as strong as ever. She is a friend of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, to whom she sang Happy (nineteeth) Birthday. It is said that after the two women lunch together, she is always asked to sing. The servants are invited in to watch her perform unaccompanied and, at the urging of the Queen Mother, will gradually join in.



"Better than anything in the Top Ten today": the singer in 1944

On the Annihilation of Species

Darwin's theories provided the basis on which modern man still views the natural world. Now the creatures which inspired him are threatened by a devastating fire. **Nigel Hawkes** reports



Charles Darwin — he still has the power to inspire

In the history of science there are few holy places, but the archipelago that lies 650 miles off the coast of Ecuador is one. Here, in the dozen or so islands that make up the Galapagos, Charles Darwin observed the creatures that helped to inspire *On the Origin of Species*. Today the island of Isabela, the largest in the group, is in flames after a two-month drought turned the semi-arid landscape tinder-dry. Tourism and uncontrolled fishing are also threatening the unspoilt character of the islands, but the fire is the most urgent problem.

Darwin visited the islands as naturalist on *HMS Beagle*, which set sail in 1831. Of the five-year voyage, only five weeks were spent on the islands, but what Darwin saw there slowly matured in his mind before emerging many years later in his theory of evolution by natural selection. No more important scientific book has ever been published than *On the Origin of Species* — our whole understanding of the natural world is shot through with Darwinian ideas, which retain their power to inspire and, in some, to infuriate.

The young Darwin had no mission, when he set sail on the *Beagle*, to throw the Book of Genesis to the winds. Nor did what he saw of the animals and birds strike him with the force of revelation. Even his observations of the varieties of finches, later so important to his theories, had to wait until after the *Beagle* had returned home and he had had them classified by John Gould.

Darwin's first remarks about the Galapagos in *The Voyage of the Beagle* scarcely hint at the islands' future importance. Of Chatham Island (now San Cristóbal), he wrote: "Nothing could be less inviting than the first appearance. A broken field of black basaltic lava, thrown into the most rugged waves, and crossed by great fissures, is everywhere covered by stunted, sun-burnt brushwood, which shows little signs of life. The dry and parched surface, being heated by the noon-day sun, gave to the air a close and sultry feeling, like that from a stove: we fancied even that the bushes smelt unpleasantly."

The reptiles made more of an impact. Not all of them charmed him: the unique marine iguanas of Galapagos, he said, were the "most disgusting, clumsy lizards . . . imps of darkness".

"As I was walking along I met two large tortoises, each of which must have weighed at least two hundred pounds: one was eating a piece of cactus, and as I approached, it stared at me and slowly walked away; the other gave a deep hiss, and drew in its neck. These huge reptiles, surrounded by the black lava, the leafless shrubs, and large cacti, seemed to my fancy like some antediluvian animals."

Like all navigators of the time, the crew of the *Beagle* ate tortoise. "A single Ship's company caught 500-800 in a short time," Darwin wrote approvingly, and his own company netted 15. "The breast-plate roasted with the flesh on it is very good," he reported, "and the young tortoises make excellent soup; but otherwise the meat to my taste is indifferent." Darwin also climbed on the tortoise's backs, and "giving a few raps on the hinder part of their shells, they would rise up and walk away; but I found it very difficult to keep my balance." This practice is not recommended to today's visitors to the islands.

The animals of the Galapagos were at once strange to Darwin, and familiar. What struck him first was how similar many of them were to those he had seen on the mainland. But later, when he had seen Gould's classification of the finches, he realised how they varied in a subtle way from island to island within the archipelago. Here, he said, "both in space and time we seem to be brought somewhat near to that great fact — that mystery of mysteries — the first appearance of new beings on this earth".

The data were summarised in *On the Origin of Species*: "There are 26 land-birds; of these, 21 or perhaps 23 are ranked as distinct species, and would commonly be assumed to have been here created; yet the close affinity of most of these birds to American species is manifest in every character, in their habits, gestures, and tones of voice.

"So it is with the other animals, and with a large proportion of the plants, as shown by Dr Hooker in his admirable Flora of the archipelago. The naturalist, looking at the inhabitants of these volcanic islands in the Pacific, several hundred miles from the continent, feels that he is standing on American land. Why should this be so? Why should the species which are supposed to have been created in the Galapagos Archipelago, and nowhere else, bear so plainly the stamp of affinity to those created in America?"

Facts such as these, he went on in a key passage, "admit of no sort of explanation on the ordinary view of independent creation". Yet if it were assumed that the Galapagos Islands "would be likely to receive colonists from America . . . such colonists would be liable to modification, the principle of inheritance still betraying their original birthplace".

The evidence, stored in Darwin's capacious mind, allowed of only one explanation. The finches must have been blown to the islands from the mainland by a storm. (We now know what Darwin did not, that this was perhaps a million years ago.) Once there, their descendants became adapted to different types of food, natural selection favouring those with the beaks best suited to the food available.

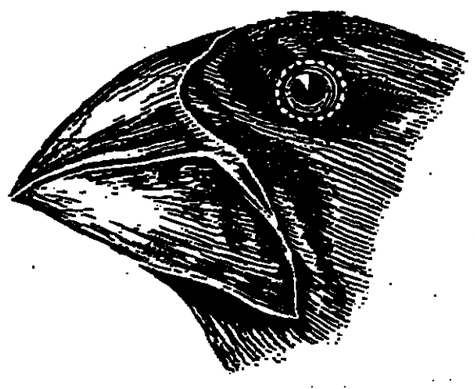
From a single aboriginal finch, a total of 13 distinct species evolved: "A most singular group, related to each other in the structure of their beaks, short tails, form of body, and plumage," as Darwin wrote. "The most curious fact is the perfect gradation in the size of the beaks in the different species."

Small wonder, then, that the fires raging on Isabela strike a chill into all those who rejoice in natural history. So far, 3,000 acres have been burnt, and 300 to 400 of the island's tortoises are at risk. The Ecuadorean government does not have the equipment to put out the flames, but Canadian fire-fighting planes are on their way. Let us wish them all haste.

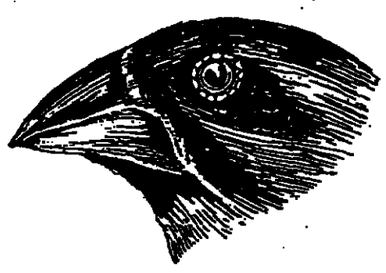


Giant tortoise — one of the creatures Darwin studied

PECKING ORDER: DARWIN'S FINCHES



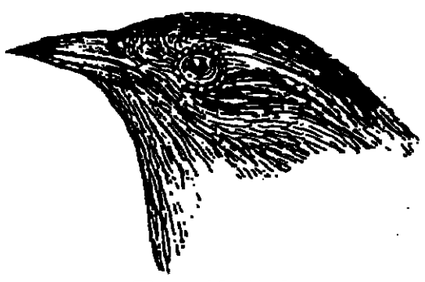
The large ground finch



The medium ground finch



The insectivorous tree finch



The warbler finch

THE PARTY from the *Beagle* collected animals and plants everywhere they went. Among the specimens returned from the Galapagos were 13 species of finches, whose beaks ranged in size from that of a hawfinch to that of a warbler. The largest, the ground finch, had a beak almost parrot-like in shape; the smallest, the warbler finch, a tiny pointed beak.

If Darwin had realised these differences at the time, he would have been more careful in the way he collected and labelled the birds, ensuring that specimens were collected from each of the islands and were clearly distinguished. It was not until the specimens had been returned to England and classified that their importance struck him.

Seeing this gradation and diversity of structure in one small, intimately related group of birds, Darwin wrote in 1845, one might really fancy that from an original paucity of birds, one species had been taken and modified for different ends. Fourteen years later, in *On the Origin of Species*, that is exactly what he did conclude.

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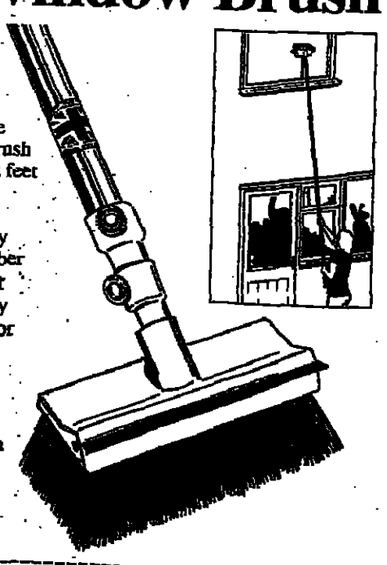
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Edna O'Brien on the deplorable condition of her bedroom — and the terror of publishing a new book

Life, love and Edna

CHRIS HARRIS



Edna O'Brien — "You know, I am still hoping for love and romance . . ."

The gossip on Edna O'Brien is deliciously scandalous. Stories usually involve Edna as a *femme fatale* who captivates strangers. And what man could not fail to be spellbound, as — with tumbled red hair, green eyes, and powder-pale skin — she clutches his sleeve at a party and whispers: "I don't know a *soul here. I never go out, you* know."

Once, it is said, Mikis Theodorakis fell in a trice at a party and the couple vanished into the night. When *The Times*'s review of his concert appeared two mornings later it reported that Theodorakis had appeared somewhat "*tired*", *causing much mirth at* Edna's publishers. Craig Brown tells a story of how he was once accosted on the steps of Piccadilly station by an Irish tramp who, instead of the usual 10p, asked: "Excuse me but would you be having Edna O'Brien's telephone number?" (And he had, being a friend of her son, Carlo Gebler.)

This tale amused Edna greatly and, as you will see, the tramp surfaced frequently later: "Maybe that tramp was the answer to my life . . . He *was* Irish, I suppose? You know I am *still hoping* for love and romance . . ."

But first she clutches my arm — "Oh, it's terrible, *terrible*" — as soon as I step through her door. What is? What? "Having a book out. The terror." Even though it is 34 years and 15 other books since *The Country Girls*.

Her new book is *The House of Splendid Isolation*, already handsomely praised. Last night Lord Weidenfeld gave a dinner for her at the Ivy: among the guests were Neil and Glenys Kinnock. That friendship *dates back to another petrifying* cocktail party. "I was at the American Ambassador's at Winfield House . . . On my way in, Len Murray mistook me for a cloakroom attendant. And then a man I had once loved, who has to be nameless, cut me dead. And I was just thinking, 'oh why didn't I *hire a man for the evening*', *when* Neil came to my rescue. So I invited Neil and Glenys to dinner, and afterwards they sang a love duet. I always have people who sing. T.P. McKenna's wife May has a voice like a linnet, whatever a linnet sounds like. Sinead Cusack sings, though Jeremy Irons *doesn't, and Harold (Pinter)* always sings the blues. Getting them to start is the hard bit: 'Come on now, you've had a good dinner, and champagne, I want *entertainment*.' But once they start you can't stop them."

Just back from New York she finds a backlog of letters, *many* wanting advice. "People are under the impression that (a) one has a lot of leisure and (b) one has sorted out one's own life! . . . Do they not know that *lunacy* is the foundation of all writing?"

She goes herself to an analyst — not every week — in Bristol. She does not share the fear of Hemingway and Joyce that confessing confidences might usurp the writer's talent, "like primitive people *fearing that being photo*graphed takes away a piece of the soul. My analyst brings me little moments of illumination. One goes over the old family scenario, inevitably: families get a bad time on the couch. And he says: 'The mother you had is not the mother your sisters and brother had.' That's so true, and so precise! A dispassionate intelligence. Friends know too much; and they can't always be trusted with secrets."

But sometimes, about matters of the heart, she consults *her friend Mrs Isabella Camp*bell, who tells fortunes on Brighton beach. "She is capable of divining who the love object is. She is uncanny."

The sun streams into her little Chelsea house. Instead of champagne ("*A drink at mid*day takes the *bloom* off the evening drink, don't you *think?*") *she pours* cranberry juice. We are cocooned in books, in a room designed by her architect son Sasha: the walls are painted a rich Russian blood-red. There are fringed silk shawls draped about, and opulent white lilies from Antonia and Harold (it was Edna who brought them *together*). "*Next door, though*, is my dishevelled bedroom, where no tramp would want to step, a pale-blue, icy room, quite cold."

I first saw the Edna style in a house overlooking the Thames in Putney 25 years ago, where she brought up her two sons, having fled from her *husband, Ernest* Gebler. Gebler has said caustic things about how he taught her the ABC of narrative — but he is now a sick man in a nursing home in Ireland. When they met, and eloped, she was a wildly pretty round-faced redhead of 16 working in a chemist's in Dublin: "It's as *good a start for a writer as any* university. It's life." It was the Muses that wrought her transformation into a fine-boned beauty. "I always had *small* bones" — she displays slender wrists and long fingers — "and struggling with the Muses, the *sometimes absent or vicious* Muses, I got out of the habit of eating every day. If you eat, it makes you more hungry."

She was in New York for a PEN dinner hosted by Tina Brown at Grand Central Station. Edna and other writers — including Elie Wiesel, Breyten Breytenbach, Robert Hughes, Toni Morrison — spoke on "Is

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freedom enough to write?". "I took a subversive stance: that imagination thrives better when put on the rack. Incarceration of one kind or another makes for writing: Kafka, Genet, *Solzhenitsyn. Who* wants to write if they're happy? No one. Of course," she adds, "people might think it wrong to dine and drink champagne, with lilies on the table, while there are poor people in prison in the world. But that's very narrow thinking, very puritanical. I don't *believe in spartan-ness*." Afterwards young writers flocked around her: Jay McInerney, Paul Auster, Adam Gopnik.

She is revered in America, which cherishes authors. They invite her to teach at universities in New York and Baltimore. "I approach teaching like everything else in life: I *take it a bit too seriously*. I worry, have I prepared enough? I read aloud to them: the best thing for aspiring writers is to let them hear words drop, *like rain, or hail*. And I give them beautiful notebooks in which to write. Teaching is one of those things that, after you've done it you think, hah! *I can do that*. But I can't teach and write. It's my congenital anxiety. All my concentration must be spent on one thing."

The doorbell rang clamorously. "Isn't it odd? I *love* the sound of bells ringing, church bells. But the doorbell, and the telephone, strike *terror*." The telephone is answered in a startled whisper. "When anyone rings me — including the tramp — I am affronted because they always say, 'Have I wakened you?' as if I lead this totally *reclining* life. I say no, I always talk like this."

The gold medallion on her breast came from Istanbul, which sends her off into a rapturous tale of her day in the *soukh*, and the lapis blue tiles, the gold and silver being weighed, the tiny cups of coffee. "*It reminds me of* 'Malachy wore his crown of gold, which he won from the proud invader'. Like Joyce, I love the songs and ballads of my native land . . . his favourite was *Lord Gregory's Daughter*. Once I brought home Samuel Beckett — he wasn't a recluse, he loved to be *out drinking — and I was* about to sing when he said, 'Now, Edna, we want no wailing,' and he sat at the piano and played French dirges, equally sad."

O'Brien's dark, violent, primitive Ireland — "It was indeed a land of shame, a land of murder and a land of strange sacrificial women" as she once wrote — is a place she has no difficulty in summoning. The house of the title belonged to her father's family. "'Twas on Loch Derg in County Clare" — she really does say "'twas" — "on a wild turbulent lake like a slate-coloured sea, no water-lilies there. To *my young sensibility* it was both magic and terrifying. Now the house is gone, only grass and nettles remain. My inspiration was that house, and hearing about men on the run . . ." She visited Dominic McGlinchey, known as Mad Dog — who was later shot dead — in gaol: he became the model for her IRA terrorist McGreevy.

"I told him the premise of my book, and that it was not a brief for violence. What I tried to do was to lay out, *like a patient etherised upon a table*, as Eliot said — the story of Ireland now: to give it the quality of a fable, to encompass the bloodshed, the ghosts *of the land*." This she does through Josie, the old woman whose house the balaclava'd, gun-wielding McGreevy hides in. "People say all my books are autobiographical. Well, they are and they aren't. The Irish countryside is a lonely place, and in lonely places, as Synge said, a kind of wildness takes over, connected with drink, or hunting, or singing, and I just imagined this woman in that house, and the two brothers, and those hares with their bleeding snouts . . . It was a new form for me, and I felt a great freedom released. Energy is everything in a book. It gallops along, doesn't it?" It does: who else today writes of a man with "his instrument in tooraloora fettle"?

Behind the studied, lyrical, curiously artless artifices of style is a sharp mind which tries to penetrate the bleak Irish mists. In January, *Edna O'Brien interviewed* Gerry Adams for the *New York Times* on the day Adams arrived in America. Some Irish friends find this foolhardy, unforgivable: but only by meeting can anyone attempt to understand anyone. She met Adams in the Sinn Fein enclave in the Falls Road. She *found him* "bafflingly calm, studious, not discourteous or without wit".

"I liked him. He's a very serious man. I believe that Gerry Adams does want to see an end to violence. And I really do not think it would be a sign of weakness or capitulation for John Major to give him just one hour, *even if nothing* came of it. It couldn't do harm, and it might do good. I feel that *very passionately*. I don't want violence on any side. But I think it would be a big, brave thing for the Government, which I know depends on the Unionist vote in the Commons, to do. It is a very large *responsibility*, to let this war go on and on."

A prince dogged by losses

In which Pooh goes walkabout and Charles is left pining

The Prince of Wales, who has already lost a wife, a place on the civil list, and most of Windsor Castle, has now mislaid his Jack Russell terrier. Out walking at Balmoral, Pooh spotted something that took her fancy, and when the Prince looked round, she was gone.

For as long as there have been dogs, there have been lost *dogs, but this case is different.* Of all the homes a hound might choose to forsake for the open road, Balmoral is surely the last. Cruelty is out of the question; the royal family love their dogs, canine lunches in the royal household cannot have been meagre and Pooh will not have wanted for love. Her master even talks to his plants. So where, oh where, has his little dog gone?

"In 99 per cent of cases," says James Phillips of the RSPCA, "the motivation is sexual. If Pooh was on heat and a male was in the area, that would explain her disappearance." Male dogs being the thoughtless husbands they are. Pooh is likely to return.

But there may be *complications*. A worker on the estate says: "There is a fear that Pooh got stuck in a rabbit hole." and for this there is a literary precedent. Pooh's name, like that of Charles's other dog, Tigger, comes from the stories of A.A. Milne. Who could forget how the original Pooh got stuck in the underground home of his friend, Rabbit? On that occasion, it *took Christopher Robin and* all Rabbit's friends and relations to pull him free. The Prince has chosen instead to make an announcement in a local paper under the title. "Terrier Lost!!!"

Still more drastic measures have been taken in the past. When Tim and Angela Charlesworth, a Nottinghamshire couple, lost their bitch, Scarlett, they took to the skies. *From a helicopter, hired for* £460, they spotted the dog, and a joyful reunion ensued. Failing that, the Prince, who is known to take an interest in things paranormal, might follow the example of Les Worthington, from Northumberland, who employed a clairvoyant to help him find his collie.

The problem might have been averted altogether: in Glasgow dogs have been implanted with microchips to help locate strays. About 4,000 a year haunt the streets of the city.

Of more pressing concern to the nation than the problems of Pooh are the possible effects the disappearance will have on her master. Virginia Ironside, whose book, *Dear Friend — Coming To Terms With The Death Of A Pet*, is published next month (Robson Books) claims that worrying *about* a missing dog is a more traumatic experience than mourning one that has died. Dr Mary Stewart of Glasgow University even suggests conducting a funeral ceremony for the missing animal as a way of coming to terms with the loss.



The original Pooh — trapped in Rabbit's home

"People who find it hard to express emotions often find that their dog is the one *creature they can relate to*," says Ms Ironside "and Charles may have an unusually strong bond with Pooh. Unfortunately, dogs are not well equipped to deal with life in the wild. And a dog that belongs to Prince Charles is likely to be more uptight than most, isn't it?"

Perhaps. But if Pooh does not return immediately Charles can take heart from the tale of Dixie, a London pooch lost in Scotland in 1986 who eventually came home after six years on the move.

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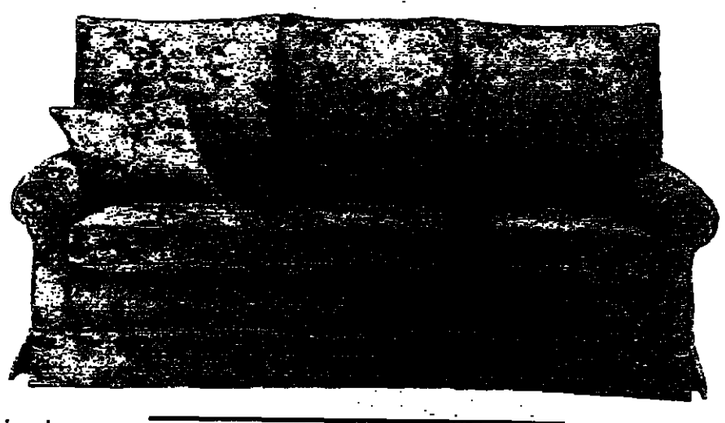
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■ Writers have been dropping trade names into their prose for centuries

Instead of recruiting a new actor to play James Bond for the cinema, they should pension the veteran off: 007 qualified for his free bus pass years ago, and the films (which always abused the books as mere pegs for spectacular high-tech effects) have become increasingly silly. When Fleming's hero first arched a sardonic eyebrow more than 40 years ago, stern critics condemned him for his sex, sadism and snobbery. This was to take the old cad too seriously. Bond books are just grown-up adventure stories in the tradition of Sherlock Holmes, Richard Hannay, Bulldog Drummond and the Saint.

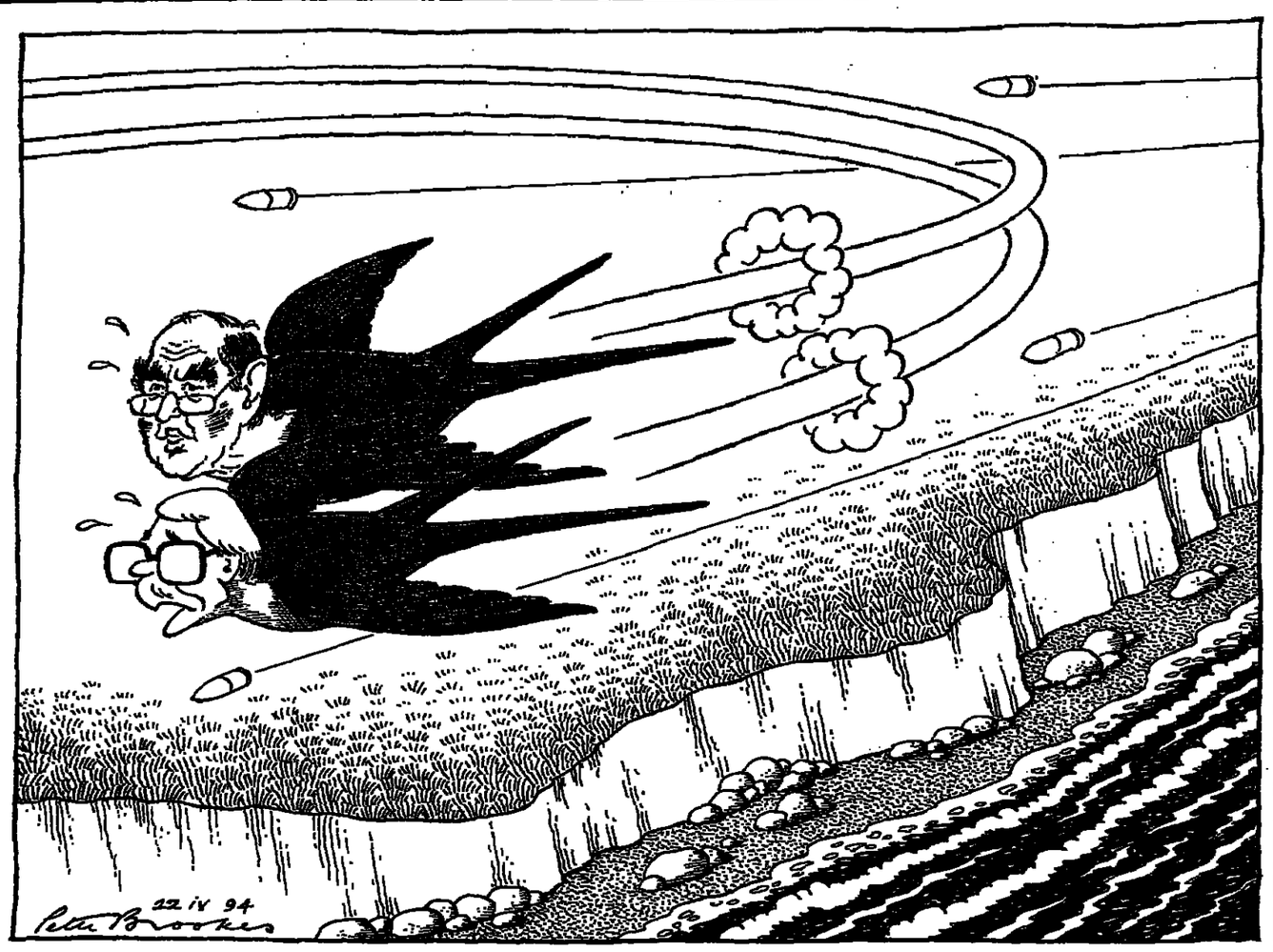
But Bond, past his literary sell-by date, has left one legacy to literature, and that is the casual dropping of trade names into the prose to lend a sophisticated gloss to an otherwise improbable narrative. He did more than expensive advertising can to sell Balkan Sobranie cigarettes, expensive brands of vodka and makes of watch, and, for their specialised markets, silenced Berettas and Aston Martins equipped with uncomfortable extras. This knowing product-placement in fiction has become a fashionable literary device in the new *bonking* and *shopping* genres of Eurotrash fiction. For example, the hero in anything by Brett Easton Ellis, the author of *American Psycho*, is characterised by his Rolex Oyster watch, his Polo shirt from Ralph Lauren and his Gucci loafers. Enterprising Sarah Mason even sold advertising references to brands of potato crisps, bras and fortified wine into her play, *Skin*, which is touring the South East, without much critical success.

Ads *brevis, vita longa*. Commerce is short, but literature is long. That is why the references to brand names in reissues of classic Victorian novels have to be explained in banal footnotes. But some trade names echo down the ages. Orwell made his characters smoke Woodbines to show they were men of the people; not effete Etonians, whereas Lord Peter Wimsey smoked Sobranies. Manet introduced two bottles of Bass into the bar at the *Folies Bergères*, and in his illustration to the 1837 edition of *Pickwick Papers* "Phiz" depicted Sam Weller composing his valentine beneath an early advertisement for Guinness stout. Jane Austen's Emma had a pianoforte from Broadwood's, and Sam Weller used Day & Martin's boot-polish, also mentioned in *Oliver Twist*, and available until recently.

The Hobson celebrated by Milton has gone out of business, as has Bacon the tobacconist. The Rowland's Macassar Oil of which Lewis Carroll wrote was still available a generation ago. There is a theory that the oldest trade advertisement in literature of a product still being sold was made by the German playwright, Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, in *Minna von Barnhelm*, written in 1763. In it the landlord of an inn recommends that a customer should try a glass of Danzig Goldwasser liqueur. This is still being concocted, though not in Danzig. The business was founded in 1598.

In fact, there is more subliminal advertising in literature than critics have recognised. What is Claudius doing when he cries, "Now the king drinks to Hamlet", than giving the first puff to the nasty cigar with which you are never alone? There are plugs throughout Shakespeare for the deodorant which with its name puns reference to mothers with secrecy about personal hygiene: "Seal up your body odour, and give no words but Mum." When Lady Macbeth, sleepwalking, cries: "Out, damned spot! Out, I say! One; two; why ten, 'tis time to do't." The adman's reply comes pat: "It works. Come on. Thou hast done well, fine Ariel." "Now is the winter of our discontent, but Thomson Holidays winter breaks are down 20 per cent." The hyped folio has "That Roasted Manningtree Oxo with the pudding in its belly."

Contrary to the insubstantial pageant of alternative theories of Shakespeare as front man for Bacon, or Shakespeare as special agent, like Kit Marlowe playing 001 to Walsingham's prototype M, the old fellow was acting as a forerunner of that overpaid spin merchant, Tim Bell. The Omega watches account was in the hands of an even older and grander advertising agent. If they have to employ a new acting person to play adman Bond, they should switch image, and go for Lennie Henry or Dawn French.



Pedlars of filth and smut?

The BBC is toying with a new *That Was* *The Week That Was*, but the world has changed and satire has moved on

Bernard Levin

A headline brought me up with a jolt: it said "BBC to bring back TW3". It took no more than three minutes for me to don a huge bushy beard and vivid blue spectacles, practise a limp, brush up my gutterals and phone British Airways for a ticket to Samoa — one of those tickets that remain valid for five years. On the way down the stairs, however, I had another look at the headline — shame on you, *Times*, to give so valuable a member of the paper such a fright. The BBC is *not* going to bring back TW3, and couldn't if it wanted to: Frostie has lost his hair, Roy Kinnear is, alas, dead, Rushton is forever trotting off to the antipodes, and I — even *I* — am not the man I was. Only Millie is timeless, retaining all her beauty, charm and sparkle. And Ned Sherrin closed the book by saying very sensibly that "It was an original idea when we did it: the trouble now is that viewers have grown used to satirical programmes that poke fun at Margaret Thatcher or John Major".

You're telling me. Until *Spitting Image* ceased to be funny, the things that it said about not just the politicians but the Royal Family would have had our lot in jail before closedown. (Ah, but memory wells up, and nostalgia takes over. We insisted that we should be the last programme of the night, but at one point the BBC had bought from America a half-hour cheapo detective series, and put it on after we had said goodnight. Oh, yes? Ned strolled over to the room in which the detective stories were dealt with, and came back with a precis of every one. Then, when we were just going to roll up, David would read out the night's precis, with the complete details of who was the killer and how the detectives had brought the villain to justice. The BBC kept its nerve for only three nights, and then gave in.)

But everything you have read or heard about the scandalisation of the country by TW3 was true. Our reporter yesterday dug out a typical complaint, seriously entertained, which said that we were "pedlars of filth and smut and destroyers of all that Britain holds dear", but that was nothing — a C of E clergyman called me "a thick-lipped Jew-boy", and another called Millie — Millie! — "a repulsive woman with a grating voice". Cor!

Memory, memory: I have to pinch myself good and proper to believe that all this happened slightly more than *thirty* years ago, and even now I am accosted by people of my age or a little under wanting to talk to me about it. Those were the days.

But if those were the days, what are these we are living in, and what was the difference? And what was the influence of those days upon these?

There are people who insist that no decade, no century, is fundamentally different from another; of course, different things happen, but there is an infinite variety of those, and when we step back to get a perspective, most of history disappears into the mists. I cannot subscribe to such a view, if only because from my tiny spot in the calendar I can still see and record the difference between the Fifties, when I was growing up, and the Sixties, when I was starting to make a nuisance of myself. Remember — no, you can't remember, because you aren't old enough — in the early Fifties food rationing was only then just dying; there was a huge reaction, as well there might be, from the austerity and cold (fuel was very nearly a rarity) to the aftermath of war, and it was inevitable that the bonds would be broken, never to be replaced.

Into this world TW3 was born. The uproar that followed was the usual noise that accompanies a birth; but it is necessary to emphasise that TW3 did not make the world; it commented upon it. The extraordinary difference was that the world, not us, was inverting the usual order of things.

Inevitably, there would be two camps, though only one realised what had happened. Here is a tiny curio that fits into what I am getting at: in a television programme, *not* TW3, a flash of the then Prime Minister was shown, and the question put to the photograph was "How can you tell when he's lying?". The answer was "When his lips are moving". In those days I was a parliamentary writer; I had licence to speak my mind, and I took it, not least on the same Prime Minister; but it never occurred to me to use language like that.

Yet neither I or any one other figure or group set the tone; it came from feelings much deeper than television programmes and being rude to Prime Ministers. What we did not know, and could never have guessed, that once born, a world cannot be unborn. The day that Kenneth Tynan said "Fuck" on a television programme (actually, what he said was — he had a powerful stammer — f-f-f-fuck) the heavens did not fall; but perhaps a milestone had been passed. If so, nobody knew it, not even Kenneth. Disintegration has been very rapid indeed in the last decade or two, and it is possible (I cannot think of any way of proving or disproving it) that if those times had not been as they were, ours might not have been the times that saw the revolution.

For revolution it was and is, despite the lack of guillotines. Why do civilisations crumble and die? Is ours crumbling and dying? Probably; probably more than probably. I recall Pandit Nehru, soon after the end of the Second World War, spotting, and pointing out, that at that moment the entire world was at peace. It did not last — oh, indeed, it didn't — and it is now easy to say that at any moment in the present, perhaps more than half a dozen wars are going on; if we count civil wars (what a phrase!) perhaps a dozen or even more. War is not the only indicator of decline; ancient Egypt died from repetitiousness.

In advanced civilisations, the clearest token is the disrespect for the civilisation itself. And of course the best indicator of that is the civilisation's history. It was pain, and real pain, at breakfast yesterday, when I looked down the *Daily Mail's* page, with its questionnaire to school-children about the Second World War. Their ignorance was stupendous, but I had steeled myself against that; what I was not ready for was the two 18-year-olds who respectively said of the war that "It was ages ago — there's no point in bringing up an old subject — what's done is done", and "My grandad was a paratrooper during the war and he must have been a brave man, but the war doesn't mean anything to me". I wondered, idly, whether Magna Carta meant anything to him, or the Lake District, or the Turners in the Tate Gallery, or *Middlemarch*, or Norwich Cathedral, or the sea.

Am I too harsh? The fathers and grandfathers of these children presumably did not count the cost, and many of those children, growing up, would ask who that person in the picture was, and get a puzzling answer. And yet, how much memory can a child's head keep? My own grandparents are still clearly in my mind, but they came from so strange a place, and by so strange a route, and had so many so strange stories to tell, that I would have been both stupid and ungrateful if I had not listened, and put away in my mind what I was hearing.

We are all what time and place have made us, particularly place. I would not like to live in one of the more unsavoury quarters of Liverpool, but I would prefer it to Moscow, Naples or Oslo, and for that matter Clermont-Ferrand. But I would prefer Britain to anywhere at all.

Can clocks be put back? I fear not. I wonder what the world — or my world anyway — will look like in another hundred years. And not only what it will look like, but what it will be doing. If my guess is anything to go by, I shall be very glad not to be there.

Which is a far cry from TW3 and what emerged from it. Try as I might, I cannot bring myself to believe that Ned and David and I were responsible for the collapse of western civilisation. Nor will the dentery-TW3 that the BBC is planning (it won't happen, of course) emulate or try not to emulate the original and fall between too many stools. But although we didn't mind a bit being called "pedlars of filth and smut and destroyers of all that Britain holds dear", I can see what the gentleman who said it was getting at.

What he was getting at was the realisation that his world was changing for the worse. And in a sense it was. There is no scalpel that can separate good honest fun (albeit well arranged to annoy somebody) from damaging something. We thought we were damaging things that ought to have been damaged, and for my part I still think that that was and is true. If you ask me that same question in a hundred years' time I may have changed my mind. Though you may be unable to find *me*; somebody will have desecrated my grave and scattered my bones. Talk about civilisation!

A people without a voice

Lord Tebbit predicts chaos over Europe

All disinterested research shows that the policies on Europe of the leadership of both Conservative and Labour Parties are well out of step with the wishes of their grassroot activists and voters. Many voters who support the Liberal Democrats in parliamentary by-elections and local elections oppose that party's European policies.

Unless the position and policies of the United Kingdom within the European Union change, then sooner or later something will have to give. Whether that comes as a political earthquake or a mere tremor will depend — as those who live on geological fault lines know — on how long the stress builds up before the shift and realignment come. Perhaps a critically large split in either or both of the main parties is less likely (though differences between them are narrower now than for some years) than that whichever party finds itself out of office after the next general election will become the party of the Euro-sceptics.

It would be quite wrong to deny the sense of idealism which has seduced many people into the Euro-federalist camp. The feeling that we are all Europeans, much of whose culture is shared, who have common Judaeo-Christian roots and the aspiration to close the long history of European wars, is understandable. "Jaw Jaw", as the tourists and business people of Western Europe sit in one another's board rooms, boarding houses and bars, is certainly better than "War War," Blitzkrieg or bunker-style.

However, it seems to me that political leaders are motivated more by defeatism than by idealism. In the Centre and on the Right it is defeatism that has infected and corrupted the Foreign Office for more than half a century. A vision of eternal summits and grand communiqués reached after skilful diplomatic dealing was a far more alluring prospect than the hard graft of pursuing the interests of a medium-sized trading nation.

In the 1960s and '70s, before Margaret Thatcher, many Conservatives had limply accepted the ratchet theory of politics. They believed that each Labour Government would pull the lever of politics to the left and that there was a ratchet mechanism which prevented Conservatives from pulling it back to the right. Those defeatists loved the Treaty of Rome, with its binding commitments to the market and the elimination of tariffs and state subsidies, which they believed would prevent a Labour Government from implementing a socialist programme. They now look to an independent European central bank and a single currency to veto socialism. Many others have simply drifted to an attitude of "Europe Good — More Europe Better".

All these influences and groups have their mirror images on the Left. For many on the Left, national states have been instruments of repression, capitalism, militarism and war; for some years, however, the fear that the Community would be dominated by its free-trading liberal economist fathers persuaded the Left to make common cause with Tory romantic imperialist Right.

During the Thatcherite ascendancy there was an extraordinary change in political perceptions. Suddenly the Left began to fear the prospect of exclusion from power for the foreseeable future. Much of Labour's leadership began to see the European Community as a way to impose policies which they believed would be unsaleable to voters at a general election.

This historic shift of sentiment was noticed and exploited by the power-brokers in Brussels and there began a courtship of the TUC. The tactic paid off. British trades union leaders who had been robbed of their power by Margaret Thatcher and despaired of ever again getting their feet under the table at Number 10 were invited to rest their elbows on the Commission's dining tables. In no time at all they were convinced that there was in Brussels another "leftwards only" political ratchet mechanism.

Of course, this is a simplification of a very complex political process. But the common ground of federalists from both Left and Right is their contempt for the democratic process, which they fear may not give consent for their policies. Mr Smith now sees clearly that if he should become Prime Minister, it would be easier by far to impose his manifesto through decrees made in Brussels than to legislate in Parliament. Especially if Mr Smith lacked an absolute majority.

So a combination of defeatism about Britain among Conservatives, and of doubt on the Left about Labour's ability to win elections to govern Britain, is dragging us all towards a federal European super-state. Of course, such a creation is not viable and it would collapse into political chaos or, I fear, into violence.

Politics today makes for strange bedfellows. We liberals of the Right stand alongside socialists such as Tony Benn, conviction democratic politicians all, while the machine politicians huddle together in an irreconcilable conflict of interests between their responsibilities to Parliament and their obligation to the European Union and the 11 foreign governments represented in the Council of Ministers.

From which party, I wonder, will come the man or woman with the courage to trust the people and be trusted by them to speak on their behalf?

This article is reprinted from Tribune.

A tale of two dogs

TO LOSE one royal dog might be considered a misfortune, but two? Exactly 60 years ago the then Prince of Wales, the future Edward VIII, fell prey to the same unfortunate accident.

That Prince of Wales did not, however, resort to the advertisement columns of the *Aberdeen Press & Journal*. His dog, Jaggs, was, according to *The Times*, of April 21, 1934, lost for ten days. Jaggs, a Cairn terrier, disappeared during a weekend, at the Duke's Sunningdale home, Fort Belvedere, probably spent in the company of Mrs Simpson. The dog was found on the road to Southampton by a motorist who handed him in to police. Jaggs spent the night in a police cell before an emotional reunion with the Prince.

But tragedy dogged Edward. In May 1937, months before he married Mrs Simpson, their Cairn terrier, Slipper, died from a snake bite.

Their canine obsession, however, lived on. In "Villa Windsor", their house in the Bois de Boulogne, the current owner, Mohamed Al Fayed, has left many of their *objets d'og* intact. In the Duchess's bedroom, a Louis XV settee is covered with nine pug-shaped cushions; fire irons and letter openers are engraved with their favourite pooches. This devotion was reciprocated. According to one of Al Fayed's staff: "Two hours before the Duke died his terrier jumped down from his bed and ran to the Duchess's bedroom. It was telling her his master was dying."

● *UNLIKE the Prince of Wales, Peter Steele is trudging the moors at Ballater with a broad smile on his face. For it was Steele, owner of the North Scots Press Agency, who first revealed that Pooh had gone missing. He did so when, on his normal trawl through the* Aberdeen Press & Journal *personal columns, he recognised the telephone number on the now notorious "Lost" advertisement as that of the Balmoral estate office. Speaking on his mobile-phone yesterday, the former Fleet Street hack sounded a touch unimpressed by the arrival of the media pack: "There's a lot of dumb animals around here."*



DIARY

Spam's off

AFTER due deliberation, the Ritz hotel yesterday beat a D-Day retreat and cancelled plans for a commemorative D-Day lunch menu (no Spam, but English meat, French vegetables and American seafood) during the first week of June. The hotel has also abandoned a plan to spotlight unrepaired wartime bomb damage to one of its outside walls.

"Given the mood of the veterans, we judged it unsuitable to go ahead with our D-Day menu," said Terry Holmes, managing director. Holmes took military soundings. "My father-in-law Frank Harris has been my military adviser. He was a private in the Yorkshire Light Infantry and took part in the D-Day landings."

Cash call

UNSURPRISINGLY "nauseated" by the furore surrounding the D-Day anniversary (his father was killed in action) Bill Cash has turned his attention to another front. The Euro-sceptic MP is off to the George V hotel in Paris for a gathering of anti-Maastrichteers.

The financier Sir James Goldsmith and Philippe de Villiers, co-founders of *L'Autre Europe* party, are behind the meeting to agree a manifesto for Euro-sceptic candidates in June's elections. Sir James's man, Charles Filmer, believes the Tory Whips cannot complain about Cash's weekend in Paris. "I take issue with the idea that this is disloyalty. Bill has always said he is pro-European but anti-Maastricht. He has never changed his view." Cash, however, may find Sir James somewhat preoccupied — he is currently fighting a virtual ban against promoting his campaign on French television. One Tory whip sighs: "Pity we can't do the same over here with Cash."

Lara's nemesis

HE MAY have broken Garry Sobers's Test match record with his innings of 375, but Brian Lara is far from invincible — as the Leighton Buzzard second XI can testify.

On their one and only encounter at a testimonial game for England bowler Gladstone Small, team captain and medium-pace bowler Steve Ferguson removed Lara's off-stump with his first ball. "I suppose he couldn't decide where to hit me — Milton Keynes or Edinburgh," says a modest Ferguson, who works for the Ministry of Defence. His clubmates, however, are wearying of the fear. "We'll never hear the end of it," says chairman, Kevin Byram. "In the interests of the club, I wish it had never happened."

● *Those who chuckled at the "Dream Cabinet" compiled recently by our own Matthew Parris (he nominated Teresa Gorman for Prime Minister) may be forced to think again. An impromptu ballot of party supporters attending the right-wing Swinton Circle on Wednesday night, produced a fascinating insight into current Tory thinking. Challenged by loyalist MP Den Dover to vote for an alternative party leader, the circle voted thus: Michael Portillo, ten; Gorman and Peter Lilley, seven each; Kenneth Clarke one. And Michael Heseltine? He scored a rather curious three and a half.*

Ghost of Thesiger

ON WEDNESDAY night at the Travellers' Club in Pall Mall, Wilfred Thesiger's friends and admirers gathered to celebrate the publication of *My Kenya Days* — "my last book", the veteran explorer promised. However, the book is, in large part, the work of Thesiger's friends.

Thesiger's editor at HarperCollins, Rebecca Lloyd, says: "A lot of people were involved in this book — Alex Maitland, Gavin Young [the journalist and travel writer], Frank Steele [a consultant]. They gave a lot of their time. It was almost a book written by committee." Maitland, however, is unimpressed by Thesiger's promise that the book will be his last. "He's been saying that since 1959."

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TAXING TIMES

Consumers are spending, but for how much longer?

Britain's intrepid consumers, we are told, have shrugged off the long-dreaded tax increases imposed on them in the last Budget. They have continued to throng the high streets spending as if there were no tomorrow. The Government and all the rest of us can therefore rest easy: the economic recovery has not been stalled by the Chancellor's embarrassing need for £11 billion of extra money; people have hardly even noticed all the new taxes; in time, the Tories may even manage to reap the electoral rewards for presiding over a long period of steady, non-inflationary growth. Such was the burden of hopes some politicians and City analysts were inclined to rest yesterday on one rather obscure economic announcement from the Central Statistical Office: that retail sales in March increased by 0.8 per cent, rather than the 0.4 per cent the City had expected.

All good news about the economy is naturally welcome, but celebrations about the consumers', or indeed the voters', indifference to tax increases are still very premature. None of the figures published so far can shed much light on the central question that Kenneth Clarke has had to struggle with since the day he became Chancellor and realised that he would have to impose the biggest programme of tax increases in Britain's peacetime history.

When consumers went out to do their Easter shopping in March they may have read about the tax squeeze in the papers and perhaps even heard it debated in Parliament, but they had not yet begun to feel it in their pay packets. Neither had they started to pay their increased mortgage instalments or the higher fuel bills that will roll in over the three-month billing period from April 1 onwards. It will not, in fact, be until the end of April that most salary-earners will start to feel the pinch from higher income taxes and National Insurance contributions, and it will not be until mid-summer that VAT will have had its full effect on household budgets. After that there will still be the new insurance and holiday taxes to look forward to in the autumn — before starting to worry about the further round of income tax and VAT increases already announced for April 1995.

The reason for relaying this long list of imposts is not to suggest that the economy is about to confound the recent good figures by collapsing, and certainly not to criticise the Chancellor levying the new taxes. The taxes are necessary to deal with a dangerously large government deficit and Mr Clarke has won respect by having the courage to impose them. The danger, however, is that the Treasury, the Bank of England and the City might be lulled into a false sense of security by the strength of the economy before any of the new taxes start to be paid.

Consumers and businessmen take many months to adjust to policy changes. The full impact of this month's new taxes, therefore, will be felt only after a lag of at least 6 to 9 months. It will be only in the second half of this year that worthwhile conclusions can be drawn about the extent to which higher taxes have endangered economic recovery. And what if, by then, the economy does appear to be flagging? The obvious response will be to order another round of interest rate cuts. But interest rates, too, operate with long lags: in fact an interest rate cut takes even longer to filter through the economy than an increase in taxes.

It was because of the inevitable lags in policymaking that Mr Clarke should have cut interest rates more aggressively in the Budget — and the same argument still justifies a pre-emptive reduction in interest rates well before the full impact of the higher taxes can be assessed. In economics, policymakers must inevitably take risks and act on incomplete knowledge. And given the present prospects for inflation and unemployment, the case is still overwhelming to err on the side of easier monetary policy and higher growth.

HARD JUSTICE

The West should take care when lecturing Singapore

The aptly-named Singapore judge, F.G. Remedios, last month sentenced an American youth to six strokes of the cane for spray-painting cars. Yesterday he demonstrated a steely insouciance to the subsequent furore in America by passing an even tougher sentence on a younger accomplice. Shiu Chi Ho, a 16-year-old Hong Kong youth who holds a British passport, was sentenced to 12 strokes of the cane and eight months in prison for the same offences.

Both Britain and America have appealed for clemency. Both regard the use of the four-foot moistened bamboo rattan as "cruel and unusual punishment", in violation of Article five of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Their views have been expressed in very different ways, however.

Britain made no announcement that a second British citizen was sentenced to be caned in February. Although the British High Commission has voiced concern to the Singapore government, Douglas Hurd did not bring up the issue during this week's visit here by Goh Chok Tong, the Singapore Prime Minister. President Clinton, by contrast, gave quiet diplomacy no chance. Within days of the sentence being pronounced on Michael Fay, he called it "extreme". On Tuesday, speaking out for the third time, he suggested that Mr Fay's confession had been coerced. A quarter of the Senate urged clemency, and the American media focused on the authoritarian nature of Singapore society and even called for a business boycott of Singapore until the sentence was set aside.

Nothing could be more calculated to infuriate a government as prickly as that of Singapore. Not only was Mr Clinton tactically clumsy; but his appeals were open to the charge of hypocrisy. Asian leaders see America as a violent and decadent society, which makes human rights a yardstick for judging others yet which since 1977 has executed at least five people who committed crimes as juveniles. The Clinton Administration has never before protested at the caning sentence on Singaporeans, nor at the use of corporal punishment elsewhere.

Mr Clinton's repugnance at caning is widely shared, however. The strokes, administered by martial arts experts, leave permanent scars. The flesh on the buttocks is filleted. Doctors have to be present to revive those who pass out from pain. By Western standards, this constitutes torture; and in doubling the sentence in the case of Shiu, for no apparent good reason, Singapore weakens its case as an impartial administrator of justice. But in many countries such punishment is not considered particularly cruel and certainly not unusual. A distinction must be made between the violation of an elementary right, such as that to a fair trial, and the application of a sentence that seems excessive in one society but which is accepted as normal in another. Corporal punishment is practised in 16 countries; it remains on the statutes in the Isle of Man.

As a general rule, the more developed a society, the less cruel its punishments. But Western lectures on moral and social values are often resented by societies with different traditions, even if they find a growing response as the universality of democracy takes root. Singapore is an outstanding economic success in a region where confidence is high and rising higher. But its political emancipation has not kept pace. We may deplore that. We may argue that its progress should be quickened. It is appropriate for the government and people of Singapore to ask whether such punishments as caning for paint-spraying are the hallmark of a developed society. We should be equally careful about questioning the basis of laws which foreigners have broken.

JOINT SCHOOLS

The chairman of the Bar Council is on the right track

In his recent report for the Lord Chancellor's advisory committee on education and conduct, Lord Justice Steyn recommended the abolition of separate training for putative barristers and solicitors. As the legal correspondent of *The Times* reports today, Robert Seabrook QC, chairman of the General Council of the Bar, has produced a consultation paper in response. It is cannily drafted and encouraging: there is little doubt that Mr Seabrook favours the reforms.

The consultation paper canvasses response to two questions: first, should the Bar retain a monopoly over the training of barristers, or should it license universities to offer the vocational course? Should there, in addition, be common vocational training with solicitors? The two questions are inseparable, and the Bar may have little leeway to reject change. The consultation paper would appear to suggest as much: sensibly, it seeks to acclimatise the "rank and file" of the Bar to reform.

Mr Seabrook is right to seek to prepare his colleagues. There is pressure on the Bar from important quarters. The Lord Chancellor has given it permission to persist with existing arrangements for only three more years; and the Director-General of Fair Trading is "far from gruntled" with the monopoly of training. Had there been a system of licensed universities in place already, the Bar might have been able to avoid its current embarrassment over the record number of applicants for places at Bar school. So great has the pressure been that it has jettisoned its tried and tested method of selection — based on an interview and performance at university — in favour of A-level results and a new "critical reasoning" test. This new measure has led to students with Firsts from Oxford being turned down. Legal education has, for some, become a lottery.

The case for licensing universities to train barristers is a powerful one. An end to the monopoly makes economic sense: students will not be compelled to live in London, where the cost of living is higher than elsewhere. Students training to be lawyers do not, normally, receive grants from the State, and would welcome cheaper options. A "demonopoly" would, as Mr Seabrook acknowledges, create "a more open system", attracting to the legal profession more students from beyond its Oxbridge heartland. It would, most importantly, contribute to ending the over-hasty segregation of students into separate professional camps, which at present is the unenlightened norm.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bosnia at war: deprivation, sufferings and warnings

From Sir Donald Acheson

Sir, Like the previous attacks on the hospitals in Vincovci, Bihac, Brcza and Sarajevo, it appears that the bombardment of the hospital in Gorazde yesterday, which killed ten people, was premeditated and carried out by carefully targeted weapons with a direct view of the building.

During this war such attacks have formed part of the overall strategy of ethnic cleansing aimed at demoralising the population by depriving them of the necessities of life and forcing them to flee. In the demolished medical library in the hospital in Vincovci I was shown in the autumn of 1992 the wire of a hand-guided rocket stretched across the pile of medical journals and books lying on the floor.

As long ago as August 1992, when I first visited Sarajevo as WHO Special Representative, the Médecins Sans Frontières team there expressed their grave concern about Gorazde. The town had already been cut off for three months, they said; no one had managed to get in, and they were fearful for the state of the sick and wounded.

In the intervening months relief convoys have managed to get in at irregular intervals and their supplies have been supplemented by air drops; but in truth the lives of the population of 60,000, mostly women, children and elderly people, have largely been sustained by their own extraordinary courage and ingenuity and by perilous supply routes through the mountains. Even a convoy of ten trucks can only supply a population of this size with enough food for about three days.

I have a report dated May 2, 1993, which gives details of the situation at that time. The hospital was already full of injured people with abdominal wounds, leg injuries and cases of frostbite. Although there were no sheets and the ground floor stank of pus, 80 major operations had been conducted every month and about 30 babies delivered. In addition, a total of 200 amputations had been carried out and a further 200 patients requiring amputation had been lifted or hauled on sledges across the mountains. The makeshift theatre had been staffed, as it still is, by teams of surgeons from Sarajevo, a number of whom have been injured crossing the front line and at least two killed.

A few days after I received this report, Gorazde was declared a safe haven. But it is this hospital which is now in process of demolition by direct rocket fire.

Today the tragedy of Gorazde is only half played out. Even in these last weeks the morale of the people has not broken, rations are distributed, babies are born, the sick are treated and life continues in the basements as it has for the last 700 days and nights. But the Serbs are now in a position to repeat their policy in Vukovar, where they systematically damaged or destroyed every building in the town, and in Jajce, where they interrupted the public water supply so that the people had to drink from the polluted river, with disastrous results.

Within a few days we will witness an exodus, as from Jajce, of a cavalcade of women, children and old people pouring down the roads following a cynically negotiated ceasefire and under UN protection. Like Jajce, which I visited in autumn 1992 a few days after it fell, Gorazde will have become a ghost town awaiting Serb colonisation after the war. And what is to happen to Srebrenica and Tuzla?

Yours sincerely,
DONALD ACHESON
(WHO Special Representative in former Yugoslavia, July 1992-April 1993),
London School of Hygiene, Keppel Street, WC1.
April 21.

From Professor David Marsland

Sir, On November 1, 1991, the *New Statesman & Society* published an article in which I argued that unless we took decisive military action to halt Serbian aggression, their lunatic crusade would plunge the whole of Europe into war.

The period since I wrote has confirmed all my predictions, while the civilised world has blathered and yielded. As the defenders of Gorazde are slaughtered on our television screens, I demand of our leaders honesty, realism and action.

The Serbian people, like the German people under Hitler, have gone — temporarily but lethally — mad. Either we stop them by concerted military action now and drive them back into a humiliated "Lesser" Serbia, or the chaos which their lunacy is producing will destroy Europe.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID MARSLAND,
93 Beaufort Mansions, Chelsea, SW3.
April 17.

From Mr John Humphrys

Sir, Simon Jenkins ("Out of the valley of death", April 20) says the BBC news and current affairs department has been pressing for a Western army to go to Bosnia for a year. He offers in evidence my interview with Sir Crispin Tickell, the former British Ambassador to the United Nations, on the *Today* programme.

It seems that I had "breathlessly" invited Sir Crispin to confirm that the UN operation in Bosnia had been a disaster. What a pity Mr Jenkins did not choose to quote from interviews I and my colleagues have done in which we have challenged the notion of getting more deeply involved in a Balkan war.

Mr Jenkins is a columnist; he expresses opinions. We are interviewers; we ask questions.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN HUMPHRYS,
Today Programme,
Broadcasting House,
Portland Place, W1.

D-Day memories and celebrations

From Major J. R. S. Shergold (retd)

Sir, The debate concerning the manner of commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day is a reflection of the dilemma as to whether we should celebrate a great achievement or mourn those who fell. It is a problem which has long been solved by the British Army, which does both.

My own and many other regiments have their regimental days which mark their great achievements (ours was Dettingen in 1743). Commemorative services are held, to be followed by celebrations of one form or another. I detect no paradox in this. Victory has its price and both must be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN SHERGOLD,
The Bath and County Club,
Bath, Avon.
April 21.

From Mr Trevor Spooner

Sir, The controversy over the planned celebrations for the D-Day landings is well founded. We should spend the day remembering those who lost their lives.

I was 19 at the time and serving on a mine-sweeping trawler in the Mediterranean. We were at sea on the morning of June 6. It was a beautiful day with a calm sea and a lovely sunrise. I was on duty on the bridge when one of our crew came up on deck and said that they had heard on the radio ... "We've landed." I remember, and always will, the immediate comment of my colleague on watch: "Poor buggers." And that is how we all thought. All we could think was, God bless you and good luck.

Yours etc,
TREVOR SPOONER,
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Tandridge, Oxted, Surrey.
April 20.

From Mr John Shelton

Sir, One thing is for sure: if this lot had run Operation Overlord we shouldn't have to worry about the style and form of any D-Day commemoration.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN SHELTON,
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Twickenham, Middlesex.
April 20.

Concern for Angola

From the Director General of Save the Children

Sir, The last 18 months have devastated Angola. According to UN humanitarian agencies some 3.3 million people in a population of around ten million need emergency assistance, including almost a million who have been displaced from their homes.

In the coastal cities, where most of the population now live, families are living in overcrowded slums without running water, electricity or sanitation. Few have any reliable income and inflation of well over 1,000 per cent is making it impossible to make ends meet. They may have escaped the war in the interior, but disease is killing more of their children than the fighting ever has.

In the interior hundreds of thousands of people are being supported by a major airlift of aid to besieged towns. Farming families have lost their trade with the towns and up to 70 per cent of their crops because of prolonged drought.

All across this dislocated country tens of thousands of children are separated from their families. A national family-tracing programme, run by the government with Save the Children's support, offers them a hope of family reunification which would be immeasurably boosted by peace.

Peace talks have been continuing for many months in nearby Zambia. The political context in which they are held will change radically with the transition in South Africa, and observers therefore believe there must be a final result soon. If there is no settlement — and current signs are discouraging — Angola will be plunged into an even more bloody and terrifying chapter of war.

The outside world, which made a hash of the 1992 peace process, would then be called upon to make a serious commitment to Angola's people. With South Africa taking the media spotlight, the world might tiptoe away from the disaster in Angola which it has allowed to develop.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS HINTON,
Director General,
The Save the Children Fund,
11 Grove Lane, SE5.
April 20.

Keeping local services

From Dr K. M. Thompson

Sir, Councillor Margaret Singh (letter, April 5) says that "county council officers should stop defending their professional interests" in the matter of the Local Government Commission for England being allowed to continue its work of reorganisation.

In defence of the signatories to an earlier letter (March 18) on preserving local services, none is a county council officer but they are concerned, like all professionals, for the future of the services — libraries, archives, education, etc — they provide and the customers.

Yours faithfully,
KATHRYN THOMPSON
(County Archivist, Hertfordshire),
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County Hall, Hertford.
April 12.

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Over the top

From Mr George Browning

Sir, Rodney Milnes describes the use of surtitles for opera in English as "controversial" and "pointless" (his review of *Gawain*, April 18). Similar comments were common ten years ago when surtitles were being introduced for operas in foreign languages: but now they are generally accepted and appreciated. However clearly singers enunciate, it is difficult to catch every word. In some cases it is impossible to catch *any* words.

The text of an opera is important. It is ironic that an English audience can now understand an opera in Czech (with surtitles) more easily than most which are sung in English. It is time that companies like English National Opera and the Royal Opera accepted that reality and always used surtitles for operas sung in English. Those who find them distracting need not look at them.

Yours faithfully,
G. A. BROWNING,
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East Heath Road, NW3.

From Canon Peter Southwell-Sander

Sir, Your opera critic has clearly got it in for surtitles. Having designated the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, "a blessedly surtitle-free zone" (review, April 15), he now devotes a whole paragraph of his review of Covent Garden's *Gawain* to deploring the use of this device.

Many opera-goers are not as familiar as Mr Milnes with the texts of opera libretti. On my own frequent visits to Covent Garden I constantly hear appreciative comments from other members of the audience on the Royal Opera's excellent surtitles.

While the privileged music critic may, on occasion, hear words clearly in the stalls, those in the further reaches of opera houses are not always so fortunate. I am familiar with the text of many standard repertory operas, but I find it extremely helpful to be reminded of nuances of meaning as a particular performance unfolds — more so with less familiar works.

Not only were the words of *Gawain* less audible than Mr Milnes claims, but the surtitles did a wonderful job in helping us to appreciate the sometimes marvellous poetry of the libretto.

Having listened to a largely inaudible *Der Rosenkavalier* (in English) at the Coliseum recently, I wait eagerly for English National Opera to adopt the practice.

Yours faithfully,
PETER SOUTHWELL-SANDER,
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April 18.

Railway museum row

From Mr J. V. G. Mallet

Sir, David Morgan and others (letter, April 15) draw attention to disquieting events at the National Railway Museum at York and at its parent body, the Science Museum in London. In particular they suggest that the public is entitled to a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the precipitate departure of the much respected Mr Andrew Dow from his post as director at the Railway Museum.

Your readers may not have seen Mr Dow quoted in *The Daily Telegraph* of April 11 as saying: "I have left with a financial settlement under an agreement drafted by the museum's lawyers which does not allow me to make any comment to the press."

In the absence of the explanation requested by Mr Morgan, should the public not at least be told why compensation for loss of employment, paid from the public purse (and no doubt well deserved), should be linked to a condition gagging Mr Dow from putting his case and from telling the public things it has a right to know?

Yours faithfully,
J. V. G. MALLET,
11 Pembroke Square, W8.
April 18.

Women at work

From Mrs Patience Purdy

Sir, You report today the welcome results of an investigation by the Equal Opportunities Commission into the need for women to take more responsibility for their own finances.

We believe that the attitude of some men to the financial straits of former partners and children of that partnership — as shown by their reaction to demands resulting from the child support legislation — underlines this need.

Not only must women's awareness of the importance of financial planning for the future be raised, but men too must realise the need for better pay for women (on average only 80 per cent of men's at present), more child-care facilities and pension schemes which allow for baby breaks and care breaks [see letters, April 20].

Men still outnumber women on decision-making bodies. Women's financial independence is a must, but we need help to get it.

Yours etc,
PATIENCE PURDY
(President), The National Council of Women of Great Britain,
36 Danbury Street, Islington, N1.
April 14.

Child Support Agency

From Mr Bruce Lidington

Sir, I disagree with Mr Bene't Steinberg (letter, April 15), who praises the Child Support Agency for its "moral underpinning" of responsibility for children. The Child Support Act 1991, which set up the agency, is fundamentally immoral.

It is not a child-support law but a new form of taxation. The starting point of its assessment is not the determination of how much support the child needs and thence the means of raising this sum (the approach followed, however inadequately, by the previous court-based system).

It starts by assessing the non-resident or non-custodial parent's gross income and then imposes a flat-rate levy on this, regardless of the divorced family's situation, court orders, or the ability to pay.

Yours faithfully,
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April 16.

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Crime and punishment

From Mrs Anna Cole

Sir, Is it possible that American public opinion, as illustrated by the case of Michael Fay (report, April 20), may lead to a fundamental change in the present disastrous policies the West pursues on crime and punishment?

Americans have demonstrated by their overwhelming support for the Singaporean solution — i.e., a severe caning for vandalism — that the libertarian view of the criminal as society's victim is giving way to an understanding that this leaves the innocent almost totally unprotected.

Yours faithfully,
ANNA COLE,
Drake Wood, Devonshire Avenue,
Amersham, Buckinghamshire.
April 19.

From Mr William Morton

Sir, I take great pleasure in forecasting that Michael Fay will never again commit acts of vandalism in Singapore.

Yours faithfully,
W. MORTON,
21 Bronte Close, Hatherley Mews,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

St Paul's service

From Dr C. J. Kitching

Sir, Contrary to your report (April 18) of Sunday's ordination service in St Paul's Cathedral, and despite what transpired at the corresponding service on Saturday, when the Bishop of Southwark asked the congregation's will in respect of the ordinands, there was neither any audible protest nor any other form of interruption to the proceedings. There was only loud, heartfelt and unequivocal support.

Why, the cathedral was not even struck by lightning, although some of those standing by might have said that there was thunder.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER KITCHING,
11 Creighton Road, NW6.
April 19.

Returned to sender

From Mr Paul Hickman

Sir, I gather a plethora of unsolicited pre-addressed, pre-paid business envelopes in which I used to return to the sender his uninvited documents (usually offering to take care of my finances, etc).

However, having developed a more canny and frugal attitude to waste, I now readdress them and use them for my routine letters and cheque payments, and, in this instance, for writing to you, Sir. Can I expect them to be safely delivered, and to whom has any offence been created?

Yours sincerely,
PAUL HICKMAN,
1 Hollies Farm,
Stanton by Bridge, Derbyshire.
April 20.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 21: Today is the Sixty Eighth Anniversary of the Birthday of the Queen.

Her Majesty was represented by Major General Robert Corbett (General Officer Commanding London District and Major General Commanding the Household Division) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Major General Sir John Nelson (formerly General Officer Commanding London District and Major General Commanding the Household Brigade) which was held in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Mr Christopher Laing.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Major General Sir Simon Cooper.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 21: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

April 21: The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The King's Royal Hussars, today visited the Regiment at York Barracks, Munster, the Federal Republic of Germany.

Mrs David Bowes-Lyon was in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 21: The Prince of Wales today opened the Udny Memorial Garden in the Parish of Udny and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Aberdeenshire (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse).

His Royal Highness, President, the Salmon and Trout Association, and Patron, Atlantic Salmon Trust, this evening attended a Presentation at St James's Palace.

Commander Richard Aylard, RN, was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 21: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, the Mary Hare Grammar School, was present this evening at a Gala Gardening Evening held at the Savoy Hotel, in aid of the Mary Hare Foundation.

Mrs Jane Stevens was in attendance.

April 21: The Duke of Gloucester today visited Hampshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan).

In the morning His Royal Highness opened the new Liss County Junior School, Rake Road, Liss.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gloucester visited Sir George Staunton Country Park, Havant.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
April 21: The Duchess of Kent, Sponsor, this morning visited *HMS Upholder*, Thames Quay, West India Dock, London E14.

Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

Birthdays

Mr Leo Abse, former MP, 77; Lord Airedale, 79; Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, president, Royal Society, 65; Sir Christopher Ball, former warden, Keble College, Oxford, 59; Mr Lewis Biggs, curator, Tate Gallery, Liverpool, 42; Mr Alan Bond, company chairman and yachtsman, 56; Mr Peter Bowring, former chairman, C.T. Bowring, 71; Mlle Yvette Chauviré, ballerina assoluta, 77; Sir John Chilcot, civil servant, 55; Mr George Cole, actor, 69.

Mr Alan Dukes, former leader, Fine Gael Party, 49; Dr Eric Fenby, composer, 88; Mr Peter Goldstein, joint founder, Superdrug, 54; Mr Lloyd Honeyghan, boxer, 34; Mr Ronald Hynd, choreographer, 63; Mr Robert Key, MP, 49; Mr Archy Kirkwood, MP, 48; Mr Nico Ladenis, restaurateur, 60; Mr Geoffrey Marshall, provost, The Queen's College, Oxford, 65; Lord Menuhin, OM, 78; Mr Jack Nicholson, actor, director and producer, 57; the Earl of Oxford and Asquith, 78; Miss Margaret Pereira, forensic scientist, 66; Viscount Portman, 60; Sir David Ratford, diplomat, 60; Miss Jancis Robinson, wine writer and broadcaster, 44; Professor Sir Eric Scowen, physician, 84; Mr C.H. Sisson, CH, writer and poet, 80; Mr David Summerscale, head master, Westminster School, 57; Sir Robert Wade-Gery, diplomat, 65.

D-Day Dinner

The Gordon Highlanders are holding a Dinner on Monday, June 6, in central London to publicise and raise funds for their Museum Appeal. His Grace the Duke of Wellington will be the guest of honour at a Scottish evening. Tickets will be £50 per head including wine. Any lady or gentleman wishing to attend should contact Mr Morris on 071-630 1639.

Royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron of The Shakespeare Globe Trust, will visit Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, Southwark, at 12.30; will visit the Shakespeare and his Globe (or What You Will) exhibition at the Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton Street, at 2.45; and will attend the HAC St George's day dinner at Armoury House, City Road, at 7.20.

The Prince of Wales, as President of the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, will preside at a meeting of the fund's general council and present the fund's hospital design awards at 126 Albert Street, NW1, at 10.15.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a gala concert at the Barbican at 7.20.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the new building at Moulton Primary School, Church Hill, Northampton, at 10.45; and will open new buildings at Nene College, Park Campus, Boughton Green Road, at noon.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as President of the Civil Service Sports Council, will open the new club house at Wilford Lane, Nottingham, at 11.45; will meet the sponsors and winners of the County Council's Outstanding Public Service awards at County Hall at 12.25. She will open Nottinghamshire Royal Society for the Blind's Happy Start unit, Ortzen Street, at 1.50; will open the new extension at Katherine House, Nottingham Old Peoples' Welfare Housing Society's Rest Home, Ebury Road, at 2.25; and will open Rowan Place, housing for young disabled people, Portland College, Nottingham Road, Mansfield, at 3.15.

The Duchess of Kent will open the new extension to the Royal Free Hospital's haemophilia centre and haemostasis unit at the hospital at 11.00; and, as Patron of the Kathleen Memorial Scholarship Fund, will attend the final of the 1994 Kathleen Ferrier awards at the Wigmore Hall at 6.30.

Princess Alexandra will name the new RNLI lifeboat at Arbroath, Angus, at 11.45.



Janice Porter, a conservation officer, at work on a painting by Arthur Pedigral of the Manchester Fancy Dress Ball in 1828. She is cleaning and restoring a section showing Robert Peel, then Home Secretary, meeting guests. The painting, valued at £25,000, has been in store for 50 years and will go on display at Salford Art Gallery from October. The ball was the culmination of the Manchester Music Festival of 1828

Schools

Monmouth School
Monmouth School has made the following awards for September 1994:

Sixth Form Awards
Jonathan Smith, St Mary's, Lugwardine; Timothy Harper, Tower House, Barmouth.
Vaughan-Jones Sports Award: Gareth Curtis, West Monmouth Comprehensive, Pontypool.

Third Form Awards
Foundation Scholarships: Alexander Bircham, Aldwickbury Prep, Harpenden; Paul Bryant, Cathedral School, Llandaff, Cardiff; Timothy Pinchin (Mountjoy Award), Brightlands, Newnham-on-Severn; Henry Way, Wycliffe Junior, Stonehouse; Crispin Wiles, Cathedral School, Llandaff, Cardiff.
Exhibitions: Andrew Bryant, Cathedral School, Llandaff, Cardiff; John Mildinhall, Monkton Combe Junior, Bath; Jeremy Tanner, The Elms, Colwall, near Malvern.
Old Monmothian Awards: Thomas Allan, St John's, Porthcawl; Peter Goodman, Prior Park, Cricklade; Oliver Stuart, St John's-on-the-Hill, Chepstow.
Music: Christopher Spurgeon, Cathedral School, Llandaff, Cardiff; Nicholas Whittal, Brightlands, Newnham-on-Severn.

The Princess Helena College
The summer term began on April 19 and ends on July 7. Letitia Bow is Head of School and Helen Watson her deputy. The Confirmation Service on May 14 in St Martin's Church, will be taken by the Bishop of Bedford. Sports Day is on June 4. The Speech Day and Garden Party, to which former pupils are welcome, is on Saturday, June 25, commencing 10.00am. Tickets for the Summer Ball on July 2 may be obtained from the College.

Professor Geoffrey Rose

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Geoffrey Rose will be held at noon on Tuesday, May 10, at the University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, London, WC1. All welcome. Please be seated by 11.50am.

M Philippe Daudy

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of M Philippe Daudy, CBE(hon), will be held at St Paul's Church, Wilton Place, on Wednesday, May 18, at noon.

Service dinner

The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards
Major-General Charles Ramsay, Colonel of The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards, presided at a dinner of the regimental council held last night at 108 Princes Street, Edinburgh.

Memorial service

Major-General Sir John Nelson
The Queen was represented by Major-General Robert Corbett, the Duke of Edinburgh by Mr Christopher Laing and the Prince of Wales by Major-General Sir Simon Cooper at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Major-General Sir John Nelson held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

The Rev Derek Bailey officiated, assisted by the Rev Kingsley Joyce and the Rev Walter Ritchie. Mr Patrick Forwood and Mr Fred Cholmeley, grandsons, read the lessons. Major-General Michael Hobbs gave an address. Among those present were:

Lady Jane Nelson (widow), Mr and Mrs Rodney Forwood and Sir Montague and Lady Cholmeley (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr Alaric Nelson, Mr and Mrs William Murdoch, Mr and Mrs Nick Morgan and Mrs Fred Cholmeley (grandchildren), Lady Mary Rose Williams, the Duke and Duchess of Grafton, The Duke and Duchess of Norfolk, the Duke of Wellington, the Marquess of Lansdowne, the Marquess of Salisbury, the Marquess and Marchioness of Abergavenny, Earl Howe, the Earl of Ancram, MP, and the Countess of Ancram, Lord Michael Fitzalan-Howard (Colonel, The Life Guards) and Lady Michael Fitzalan-Howard, Lord Edward Fitzroy, Viscount Daventry, Viscount Gough, Lord Patrick Beresford (Guards' Parachute Association), Lady Robert Crichton-Stuart, Major Lord Desmond Chichester, Ruth Lady Dulverton, Baroness Dacre, Baroness Sharples, Baroness Macleod of Borve, Lord Wigram, Lord Grantley, Lady Holderness, Lord Stanley of Alderley, Lord Henniker, Baroness Strange.

The Hon Robert Boscawen, MP, and Mrs Boscawen, Lady Sarah Clutton, Lady Anne Mackenzie, Lady Margaret Myddelton, Lady Anne Whiteley, Lady Anne Cowdray, the Hon Thomas Hazlerigg, the Hon Henry Lumley-Savile, the Hon Mrs John Astor, Sir Ashley Ponsonby, Sir Nicholas Nuttall, Brigadier Sir Jeffrey and Lady Darell, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Smiley, Sir Joshua Rowley, Sir William and Lady Dugdale, Sir Dudley and Lady Forwood.

General Sir Desmond Fitzpatrick (Colonel, Blues and Royals) and Lady Fitzpatrick, General Sir David and Lady Fraser, General Sir Geoffrey Howlett (Parachute Regiment), Major-General Sir Christopher and Lady Airy, Major-General Sir Digby Raeburn, Major-General Sir Desmond and Lady Langley, Major-General Sir Desmond and Lady Rice, Major-General Sir Philip Ward (Welsh Guards) and Lady Ward, Colonel Sir Bryce Knox, Colonel Sir Piers Bengough, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Johnston, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Miller, Major Sir Shane and Lady Blewitt.

Sir Geoffrey de Bellaigue, Sir Victor Le Fanu, Sir Peter and Lady Thorne, Sir Edward Ford, Lady Aird, Sir Humphrey Prideaux, Lady Logan, Sir David and Lady Wills, Dame Frances Campbell-Preston, Lady Dundas, Lady Brassey, Lady Penn, Sir John Lambert, Sir Arthur Collins, Lady (John) Prideaux, Lady Bowes-Lyon, Lady Hanbury, Lady Cooper, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker and Lady Dodds-Parker (Fairbridge), Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar and Lady Saltoun, Mr Neil and Lady Romayne Pike, Major David and Lady Willa Chetwode, Mr Peter and Lady Elisabeth Oldfield, Colonel T F C and Lady Betty Winnington, Major and the Hon Mrs John Wills.

Major-General B C Gordon-Lennox (Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, Grenadier Guards) with Lieutenant-Colonel James Tedder (Regimental Adjutant) and Lieutenant-Colonel R E H Aubrey-Fletcher (Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion); Colonel Andrew Duncan (London branch, Grenadier Guards Association) and Mrs Duncan with Lieutenant-Colonel E H L Aubrey-Fletcher (Northamptonshire branch); Major-General Henry Woods (Royal Dragoon Guards Association).

Colonel Peter Rogers (Household Cavalry), Brigadier R J Heywood (Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, Coldstream Guard, also representing the Colonel), Colonel Shaun Longsdon (17th/21st Lancers), Mr Peter Isgar (1st Battalion, King's Company), Colonel D G W Tuffell (Blue Seal Club), Mrs Elsa Davies (representing the vice-president, National Playing Fields Association), Major N E Hearson (Hampshire Playing Fields Association).

Professor Michael Day (chairman of governors, International Students House), Mr James Hambro (International Students Trust), Major-General A N Carlier (Cornelius Trust), Colonel O J M Lindsay (Treloar Trust and *The Guards Magazine*), Brigadier T Jones (Dulverton Trust), Rear-Admiral Colin Cooke-Priest (Trident Trust), Colonel D Fanshawe (Hedley Foundation) and Mrs Fanshawe, Mr Michael Wyndham (chairman, White's Club), Mr Jack Spiller (Nelson Club), Brigadier John Ghika (Union Jack Club) and Mrs Ghika and Mr James Stanford (Leonard Cheshire Foundation) and Mrs Stanford.

Church appointments

The Rev Anthony Bedell, Assistant Curate, St John, Newbold (Derby): to be Assistant Curate, St Thomas and All Saints, Bedford Leigh (Manchester).

The Rev Ian Blay, Assistant Curate, St Paul, Withington: to be Assistant Curate, All Saints, Elton (Manchester).

The Rev David Boutle, Vicar, St Paul's, Gainsborough: to be Priest-in-charge, Heckington (Lincoln).

The Rev Ian Brown, Assistant Curate, St Margaret, Burnage: to be Priest-in-charge, St Paul, Halliwell and part-time Chaplain to the Bolton Hospitals (Manchester).

The Rev Stephen Cooper: to be Priest-in-charge, Middlesbrough, St Columba w St Paul and part-time Chaplain at Middlesbrough General Hospital (York).

The Rev Robert (Bob) Cutler, a Presbyter in the Church of Bangladesh, diocese Dhakka: to be Vicar, St Luke, Deeplish (Manchester).

The Rev Philip Daniel, Assistant Curate, St Mary, Cheadle: to be Vicar, St Mary, Disley (Chester).

The Rev Anthony (Tony) Dickinson, Team Vicar, Chalvey St Peter, Upton cum Chalvey Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Terriers, High Wycombe (Oxford).

The Rev Edward Ewer (Father Jonathan, SSM), Prior of St Antony's Priory, Durham: to be *also* Diocesan Director of Ordinands (Durham).

The Rev Steven Foster, Team Vicar and Ecumenical Team Leader, Woughton (Oxford): to be Vicar, Christ Church, Walshaw (Manchester).

The Rev Alec George, Vicar, St Margaret, Hollinwood: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral (Manchester).

The Rev Andrew Gough, Assistant Curate, St Matthew and St James, Mossley Hill: to be Curate, Holy Trinity, Wavertree (Liverpool).

The Rev Michael Harding, Rector, Ditton Priors w Neenton, Burwarton, Cleobury North, Aston Botterell, Wheathill and Loughton (Hereford): to be Priest-in-charge, East Budleigh w Otterton (Exeter).

The Rev John Hayes, Bishop's Chaplain and Rector, Barrow: to be Priest-in-charge, St John Dukinfield (Chester).

The Rev Timothy Higgins, Team Rector, Aylesbury w Bierton and Hulcott: to be *also* Rural dean of Aylesbury (Oxford).

The Rev Paul Hockey, Rector, Clifton, Brougham and Cliburn (Carlisle): to be Vicar, Fremington (Exeter).

The Rev John Howard, Assistant Curate, Bracknell Team Ministry (Oxford): to be Priest-in-charge, St Chad, Limeside (Manchester).

The Rev Malcolm Lambert, Curate, Humberstone St Mary: to be Rector, South Croxton group of parishes (Leicester).

The Rev Nicholas McKinnel, Rector, Hatherleigh, Meeth, Exbourne and Jacobstowe: to be Priest-in-charge and Team Rector Designate, St Andrew, Plymouth w St George and St Paul, Stonehouse (Exeter).

The Rev Peter Mander, Team Vicar, Earlesfield, Grantham: to be Team Vicar, St John, Manthorpe, Grantham (Lincoln).

The Rev David Meara, Vicar, Basildon w Aldworth and Ashampstead: to be Rector, Buckingham w Radclive cum Chackmore (Oxford).

The Rev David Osbourne, Vicar, Swineshead: to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Cross, Boultham, Lincoln (Lincoln).

The Rev Anne Samuels, Associate Minister, St Mary, Halton: to be *also* Diocesan Adviser for Women's Ministry (Chester).

The Rev Gerald Smith, Vicar, Scopwick: to be Priest-in-charge, Leasingham and Cranwell (Lincoln).

Anniversaries today

BIRTHS: Henry Fielding, novelist, Sharpham Park, Somerset, 1707; Immanuel Kant, philosopher, Königsberg, Germany, 1724; Mme de Staël, novelist, Paris, 1766; Phil May, cartoonist, Wortley, Yorkshire, 1864; Lenin, Russian revolutionary, Ulyanovsk, 1870; Alexander Kerensky, Prime Minister of Russia, 1917, Simbirsk, 1881; Sergei Prokofiev, composer, Sontsovka, Ukraine, 1891; Vladimir Nabokov, novelist, St Petersburg, 1899; Robert Oppenheimer, physicist and pioneer of the atom bomb, New York, 1904; Kathleen Ferrier, contralto, Higher Walton, Lancashire, 1912.

DEATHS: John Tradescant, traveller and gardener, London, 1662; James Hargreaves, inventor of the spinning jenny, Nottingham, 1778; John Crome, landscape painter, Norwich, 1821; Thomas Rowlandson, caricaturist, London, 1827; Richard Trevithick, pioneer of the locomotive engine, Dartford, 1833; Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Prime Minister 1905-08, London, 1908; Roy Campbell, poet, Setubal, Portugal, 1957.

Sirius, a British packet steamer, was the first steam ship to cross the Atlantic to New York from England, 1838.

British lone-yachtsman Robin Knox-Johnston completed his solo non-stop circumnavigation of the world in just 312 days, 1969.

£1 coins were introduced into Britain, replacing paper notes, 1983.

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists

Professor Andrew R. Elkington, Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Southampton and consultant ophthalmologist at the Southampton Hospital Eye Unit, became President of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists on April 22, 1994.

Latest wills

Mrs Mollie Emily Newman, of Chippenham, Wiltshire, left estate valued at £1,091,898 net.
She left £148,000 and effects to personal legatees, £10,000 to St Mary's Church, Lower Seagry, and the residue equally between the Donkey Sanctuary, Sidmouth, RSPB, PDSA, and RSPCA.

Mary Elizabeth Self, of Grimsby, South Humberside, formerly of Cleethorpes, left estate valued at £236,545 net.
She left her entire estate to the RNLI.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T.E. Bardner and Miss K. Landry
The engagement is announced between Tom, son of Mr and Mrs John Bardner, of Highgate, London, and Kelli, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rudi Landry, of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, USA.

Mr J.N. Browning and Miss S.L. Rogers
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Mr and Mrs Neville Browning, and Louise, daughter of the late Mr Jack Rogers and of Mrs Chris Rogers, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr R.D. Dimasi and Miss L.B. Frost
The engagement is announced between Rocco Daniele, second son of Signor and Signora Antonino Dimasi, of Laureana di Borello, Calabria, Italy, and Laura Bridget, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Frost, of Badgworth, Somerset.

Mr R.D. Hearing and Miss E.A. Garfit
The engagement is announced between Roger, younger son of Mr and Mrs T. Hearing, of Martinstown, Dorset, and Emma, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Garfit, of Arundel, West Sussex.

Mr J.R.C. Lamb and Miss V.J. Bowsher
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Lamb, of Cowfold, West Sussex, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.C. Bowsher, of Devizes, Wiltshire.

Mr M.P. Pilkington Miksa and Miss S. McLeod
The engagement is announced between Marek, youngest son of Mr W.J. Pilkington Miksa and Mrs Angela Pilkington Miksa, of Kingston, Surrey, and Shelagh, youngest daughter of Mrs Rosemary McLeod and the late Mr Duncan McLeod, of Shamley Green, Surrey.

Mr C.A.E. Slade and Ms J.E. Broom
The engagement is announced between Adam, elder son of Mr and Mrs D.E. Slade, of Biddenham, Bedfordshire, and Jill, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Connelly, of Beverley, East Yorkshire.

Mr A.R. Woodall and Miss E.N.R. Finch
The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Woodall, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, and Elaine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Finch, of Penn, Buckinghamshire.

Dinners

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts at a dinner held last night at 10 Downing Street in honour of the American Ambassador and Mrs Seitz. The other guests included:
The Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, and Mrs Hurd, Mr John MacGregor, MP, and Mrs MacGregor, Lord and Lady Wakeham, Mr Antony Newton, MP, and Mrs Newton, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, MP, and Lady Mayhew, Mr Richard Ryder, MP, and Mrs Ryder, the Hon Douglas Hogg, QC, MP, and Mrs Hogg, Lord and Lady Richardson of Duntisbourne, Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, and Lady Alexander, Baroness James of Holland Park, Sir Robert and Lady Jane Fellowes, Sir Denys and Lady Henderson, the Very Rev Eric and Mrs Evans, Mr and Mrs Timothy E Deal, Mr and Mrs Michael Green, Mr and Mrs John Birt, Mr Max Hastings, Mr and Mrs John Cleese, Mr and Mrs Peter Gummer, Mr and Mrs Ian Curteis, Mr and Mrs Luke Rittner, Sir Robin and Lady Butler and Mr and Mrs Roderic Lyne.

Glaziers' Company
Mr N. Burston, Master of the Glaziers' Company, and the Wardens received Members of the Court and their guests at the St Mark's Day quarter court dinner held last night at Glaziers' Hall. Among the guests were:
The Masters of the Bakers', Tallow Chandlers', Carpenters' and Plumbers' Companies.

The Institution of Civil Engineers
The annual dinner of the Institution of Civil Engineers was held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Stuart Mustow, president, welcomed the principal guest, Sir John Egan, chief executive, BAA plc, who proposed the toast to the Institution. The Right Hon Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank replied on behalf of the guests. Also attending the dinner were:
Councillor J. Bianco, the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor, City of Westminster; His Excellency Mr Y. Ma, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of the People's Republic of China; and His Excellency Dato' A. Kamarudin, High Commissioner, Malaysian High Commission.

London Society of Chartered Accountants
Mr Malcolm Bacchus, BA, FCA, FRSA, Chairman of the London Society of Chartered Accountants, presided at the annual Committee Dinner of the London Society of Chartered Accountants held at Skinners' Hall yesterday. The President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, Mr Michael Chamberlain, LLD, FCA, was the guest of honour. Other guests included:
Mr Roger Lawson, Deputy-President of the Institute, Mr Andrew Colquhoun, Secretary and Chief Executive of the Institute, and the Presidents of other District Societies of the Institute.

The Royal College of Ophthalmologists
Mr Peter Wright, President, was host at the Annual Congress Dinner of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists held on Thursday, April 21, at the St Pierre Park Hotel, Guernsey. Among the guests present were:
The Bailiff of Guernsey Sir Graham Dorey, and Lady Dorey, Professor and Mrs G.O.H. Naumann, of Erlangen, Germany, and Dr and Mrs K. Miyake, of Nagoya, Japan.

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Scripture speaks of thing beyond our seeing, things beyond our hearing, things beyond our imagining, all prepared by God for those who love him.
1 Corinthians 2 : 9

BIRTHS

BAKER - On April 12th in Swindon to Susanna (née Hide) and Ian, a son, William David.

BARRY - On 20th April to Susan (née Plumley) and James a daughter, Lucinda Sarah Anne.

BISHOP - On 21st April, to Claire (née Dennis) and Andrew, a son, William George Walter, a brother for Luca.

BLADON - On April 21st to John and Michelle (née Booth) a daughter, Charlotte, a sister for Cloe.

CARBUTT - On 18th April, to Camilla (née Webster) and George, a son.

DUGDALE - To Matthew and Paige, a daughter, born 15th April.

FINDLAY - On April 19th to Caroline (née Rowson) and Charlie, a son, William Edward, a brother for Christopher.

FOX - On 11th April, to Catherine and Patrick, a daughter.

HARDING - On April 19th, to Sarah (née Webbe) and Neil, a son, Robert John Iliff.

MOORE - On April 18th to Simon and Louise (née Elms) a son, Jonathan Simon, a brother for William.

MORTON - On April 21st, to Matthew and Rosebie, a son, Alastair, a brother for Camilla.

NEUBAUER - On April 16th to Penny (née Wright) and Andrew a daughter Jessica Lilly.

PETO - To Gloria (née Davenport) and Tony, a son, Henry Timothy John ("Harry"), brother for Thomas. Born on 15th February, 1994, at 12.54pm, 7lbs 7ozs. A gift from God, Deo Gratias.

BIRTHS

PHILLIPS - On April 10 1994, to Roger and Sarah (née Maloney) a son, Patrick Francis Xavier, a brother for Benedict, Joseph and Grace.

REES-WILLIAMS - To Morgan and Beata, on 15th April, a son Dylan, brother to Tudor.

SCOTT - On April 19th 1994, to Diana (née Meyer) and Ralph, a son James William, a brother Camilla.

VESTEY - On April 20th, 1994, in Rio de Janeiro, to Victoria (née Waddell) and Robin, a daughter, Georgina.

WAKEFIELD - On April 11th to Butter and Simon, a daughter, Eliza Alice Rose.

WAY - On 20th April, to Ruth (née Goodwin) and Antony, a daughter, Imogen Sophie.

DEATHS

BALCHIN John Edward. (Ex-574288 38th Entry E&WS RAF Cranwell). Suddenly on April 19th. Beloved husband of Eunice and dear Daddy to Alastair and Pandora and Grandad to Tiffany, Natasha and Christian. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Wessex Childrens' Hospice Trust and enquiries about the funeral both c/o Jon Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

BENDALL - Peacefully at home after a short illness. Cecil Julian Bendall of Hitchin, Herts. Dearly loved husband of Muriel and beloved father and grandfather. Service at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Hitchin on Monday 25th April 1994 at 2pm. Family flowers only please but donations may be sent for the Royal Masonic New Samaritan Fund, C/O W. Austin & Sons, Letchmore Road, Stevenage, Herts, SG1 3HX. Telephone enquiries 0438 316623.

DEATHS

BROWN - Alexander James Hugh. On Saturday 16th April, unexpectedly at the Royal Free Hospital, London, aged 16 years. Wonderful loving son to Jenny and Patrick and devoted brother to Nicholas. His happy, caring, trusting, good-humoured nature will remain with us forever. Funeral at St. Mary's Parish Church, Hampton on Tuesday, 26th April at 11am.

CHING - Thomas R. Bayntun M.B.E., T.D. Aged 81 years. Cherished and devoted husband of Christina and much loved brother of Wilmot and Diana Gillespie. Tom passed over on 20th April, 1994, very peacefully in the wonderful care of the staff at Rowcroft Hospice, Torquay. No letters by request, only remembrances of happy times with Tom.

CHRISTIE - On 20th April at Ambrose Hill, Colonel James Noel Hugh Christie C.B.E. aged 86, XXV Lancashire Fusiliers. Beloved husband of June, father of David and Rupert, grandfather of Ben and Dougal. Funeral Service, Castleton Church, Sherborne on Wednesday 27th April at 3.00pm. No flowers. Donations to Army Benevolent Fund, 41 Queensgate, London, SW7 5HR or L.F. Compassionate Fund, Bury, Lancs. BL8 2PL.

CLARKE - On 20th of April, peacefully at home, Peter Derwent, aged 61. Dearest husband of Jane and much loved father of Jeremy and Benjamin. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at St. Mary's Church, Worplesdon, near Guildford, at 12 noon on Friday, 29th of April. Family flowers only but donations payable to Royal Surrey County Hospital Cancer Appeal or Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent to Robert Ayling Funeral Services, 25/27 South Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6NY. Tel: 0483 67333.

DEATHS

DANCE - Valerie, née Henzell, at the R.S.C. Hospital, Guildford on 20th April 1994. Beloved wife of Dick, and mother of Richard and Alistair. Also leaving sisters Judy and Sue and brother Perry in Jamaica. Private cremation and then Thanksgiving Service at Loxwood Church at 3 pm Wednesday 27th April 1994. Donations if wished to the hospital ward Eashing, charity G.U.T.S., the Cancer Relief Macmillan fund and the village church.

FARRER-BROWN - On 20th April 1994 peacefully, two weeks after his 90th birthday, Leslie Farrer-Brown C.B.E., much loved father of Malcolm and Geoffrey and proud grandfather of James, Catherine, Mark and Robert. Private Cremation for family only followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at 3pm on Thursday 28th April at Wargrave Parish Church, Wargrave, Berks, to which all friends and business colleagues are most welcome. No flowers please. Any enquiries to A. B. Walker Ltd Tel: (0734) 573650; fax 594441.

HOWARD - Robin Melville Barkly. On April 19th. Beloved husband, father and grandfather after a short illness borne with great courage. Cremation at Haycombe, Rush Hill, Bath on Thursday 26th April at 1.00 pm. Family flowers. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign, Rossley Manor, Cheltenham.

LAWS - On April 18th, peacefully at Cleeve Court Nursing Home, Avon, Fiona, aged 83. Much loved wife of the late Arthur Thurlow Laws, mother of Charles and Belinda and grandmother of Mathew, Antonia and Jessica. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Wrington, Avon on Wednesday April 27th at 3 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Keith C. Britton & Son Funeral Directors, 10 High Street, Yatton, Bristol BS19 4JA. Tel: 0934 832115.

DEATHS

MARKS - John (Jack Kenneth Douglas) On 19th April suddenly and peacefully aged 76. He will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. He worked for many years with great dedication for Amnesty so no flowers please, donations to Amnesty International. Funeral at Gunnersbury Cemetery, 143 Gunnersbury Avenue, W3 at 10.30am Tuesday 26th April.

McEVOY - On 20th April 1994, peacefully at her home, Dorothy aged 83. Much loved friend of Zillie and Eileen. Funeral service 11:00 on Wednesday 27th April at Our Lady of England RC followed by private committal at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only by request but donations if desired can be sent to NSPCC c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd, 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing. Tel: 0903 234516.

MENDEL - On 21st of April Eva aged 89, peacefully in Sydney, widow of Bernard and mother of Ann and Jane.

MINOPRIO - On 18th April 1994, aged only 40 and irreplaceable, Lisa Minoprio, wife of Tony Higgins, daughter of Peter and Emma, and sister to Christina, Charmian and Piers. Service and cremation at 11.30 am on Thursday 28th April at the Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, London NW11. Family flowers only. Donations instead to Cancer Care.

MORGAN - 19 April 1994, in hospital, Cyril Dion O.B.E., F.C.I.S. Beloved husband of Anthea, much loved father and grandfather to Rachel and Clare and his 6 grandchildren. Private Cremation, family flowers only but donations to Regional Fundraising Office, The Stroke Association, Hafan House, Fazakerley Hospital, Long Moor Lane, Liverpool, L9 7AL.

PHIPPS - On 20th April 1994, peacefully after a short illness at Bedford Hospital, Olive Helena, aged 81 years (formerly of Seaford, Sussex). Loved wife of John and mother of Richard and Anne. Requiem Funeral Service at St. Paul's Parish Church, Bedford on Friday 29th April at 1 pm. Family flowers only please but preferred donations for Trinity Hospice, Clapham, London, may be sent to Arnolds Funeral Service, Roff Avenue, Bedford MK41 7TE. Tel: 0234 359529.

SCHLAPFER - John Sinclair on 18th April in France after a courageous fight against illness aged 58. Dear husband of Jane and loving father of Timothy and Katy. A private cremation service will be followed at a later date by a service of thanksgiving for his life.

SMITH - On 19th April, formerly of Winchmore Hill, Dorothy Betty Smith, O.B.E., peacefully at Chase Farm Hospital after a short illness. Funeral Mass at Holy Trinity Church, Green Lanes, N21 on Friday, 29th April at 12 noon. No flowers please. Donations to P.D.S.A. or National Canine Defence League. Enquiries to: Seaward Funeral Directors, tel: 081 886 6101.

STAFFORD - On 19th April 1994 at Crawley General Hospital, Brigadier Frank Edmund Stafford C.M.G., C.B.E., aged 98, husband of Doreen, father of Tim. Funeral Service Thursday April 28th at Guildford Crematorium at 1 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Gardeners Benevolent Fund c/o Freeman Brothers, 9 North Parade, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2BP.

STEPHENSON - Vicky Lynn (née Harradine). On April 19th. Much loved wife of Peter Stephenson and dearly loved mother of Olivia Jane. Funeral Service at 11.00 am, on Monday 25th April at Lighthorne Church, Warwickshire. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Warwickshire Macmillan Appeal c/o 24A Broad Street, Bromyard, Herefordshire HR7 4BS.

STUBBINGS - The funeral service of the late Mr Barry Stubbings of London and Ashford, Kent, took place at the city of Norwich (Earlham) crematorium Norfolk on Wednesday 20th April. Will be sadly missed by his mother Ena, brother Michael, sister-in-law Joan, nephew David and family, nieces Dawn, Ann and families, and all his colleagues at James Capel & Co Ltd, and his business colleagues and acquaintances. Any donations in memory of Barry for the Childrens Society may be sent c/o R.J. Bartram & Son Funeral Directors, 42 Fairland Street, Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0JS.

TYERMAN - Peacefully on April 20th, Margaret, widow of Donald and beloved mother of Anne, Patricia, Mary, Robert and Christopher. Funeral at St. Peter's Church, Westleton, Suffolk, on April 30th at 11 am.

WELLER - On April 20th, suddenly at home, Dennis, darling husband of Pauline and much loved father of Paul and Deborah. Private cremation. Memorial service to be held at All Saints Church, Steep, on 12th May at 2pm. Donations in lieu of flowers for Cancer Research c/o Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd. 0730 262711.

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LEES-MILNE - A Memorial Service for Alvilde will be held at midday on Wednesday 25th May at the Church of St Mary on Paddington Green, London W2.

SOADY - There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Leslie G Soady, 2nd Master 1968-82, in the Memorial Hall, Bishop's Stortford College, at 3pm on Saturday, 7th May.

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OBITUARIES

DR JAMES DEENY

Dr James Deeny, social medicine pioneer and former Chief Medical Adviser to the Irish government, died on April 3 aged 87. He was born on November 11 1906.



THE death of children is always tragic and infant mortality is rightly regarded as a universal test of the quality of a public health service. Dr James Deeny, as Chief Medical Adviser to the Irish government in the postwar era, played a leading role in his country achieving an infant mortality rate comparable to those of states with per capita incomes twice that of Ireland.

He was the author of the mother-and-child scheme which was designed to provide essential perinatal care. This proved controversial when announced and was attacked by the Catholic bishops of Ireland as a socialist interference in the family. The inter-party government, the Republic's first experiment in coalition rule, abandoned the scheme. Dr Noel Browne, the Minister of Health, resigned and the government fell.

Paradoxically, Deeny himself was a devout Roman Catholic, later a Knight of Malta and adviser to the Vatican. It was a tribute to his determination and his skills as a civil servant that most of the essential features of the mother-and-child scheme were put into operation by later governments with no further public controversy. Of equal importance was the vital role he played in the eradication of tuberculosis, the most feared disease of his generation, acting also as director of the National Tuberculosis Survey.

James Andrew Donnelly Deeny was educated by the Jesuits at Congowes and qualified as a doctor at Queen's University, Belfast, at the very early age of 21. He rapidly took a BSc, a Diploma in Public Health, an MD, his membership of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland, and an MSc. It is a comment on the Ulster of his day that, despite his brilliant academic record, he never obtained a position in public health in his native province. Instead, he became a general practitioner, joining his father in the family practice in Lurgan. It was the largest practice in the county, but despite the demands involved he engaged in extensive research, showing the enormous energy which always distinguished him.

He discovered a cure for the rare disease of congenital ideopathic methaemoglobinaemia. Its victims were colloquially known as the "blue men". He published important research on malnutrition and tuberculosis. He then made the unique transition of going from general practice to the position of Chief Medical Adviser in Dublin in 1944. He was chairman of the Committee on the Health Services which led to the establishment of the new Department of Health. In the years that followed the new department built more than 200 hospitals and created a comprehensive modern health service, despite working with financial resources much more limited than those available to the National Health Service in the United Kingdom.

In 1956 he embarked on a third career with the World Health Organisation, carrying out national tuberculosis surveys on Sri Lanka and Somaliland. His background in developing a health service with limited economic resources led to a continuing career with the WHO. He produced a national health plan for Indonesia between 1958 and 1960.

In 1962 he was appointed chief of senior staff training at WHO headquarters in Geneva. The position was more important than the job-title might suggest, as it was a key step in creating a small cadre of extremely able medical executives who were to serve WHO very successfully in the years to come. His duties covered responsibility for many improvements in the organisation of WHO, including the introduction of computers which now play such a vital role in social medicine.

There had been considerable difficulties between WHO and the Soviet Union, as the organisation had always selected its own staff, but Moscow always wished at that time to choose those of its doctors whom it trusted to encounter the dangerous temptations of the West. Deeny, helped by coming from a small neutral country, played a vital role in persuading the Soviet authorities to allow WHO to recruit directly and was particularly delighted when he persuaded the then Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Moscow University to join the organisation.

He took formal retirement in 1967 but age did not diminish his drive and enthusiasm, and his retirement would have exhausted many a younger man. In 1968 he wrote the fourth report on the world health situation. He later became the first ombudsman for WHO, serving until 1975. In 1973 he published *The Irish Worker*, which was the first democratic study of the Irish labour force.

In 1972 he became scientific adviser to Pope Paul VI and assisted in the setting up of *Cor Unum*, the Pontifical Council for Human and Christian Development. This was established to co-ordinate the work of more than 1,000 major Catholic charities spanning the globe. Despite these many commitments he found time to return for a spell of general practice in the beautiful but remote district of Fanad in Co Donegal. It was typical of him that while undertaking this full-time job he also produced a research survey of the area to aid in its development.

He lived in his latter years in a Georgian house by the sea at Tagoat in Rosslare where he farmed 160 acres in his usual vigorous fashion. Even when he was Chief Medical Adviser he had kept a herd of pedigree Jerseys at Portmarnock. He had a great love of his cattle and even on one occasion missed a family wedding to be present at the birth of a new calf.

He created the Tagoat Community Council. This developed an integrated care programme for the old people of the area, a housing programme, a training scheme for the unemployed and restored the medieval Yola farmstead. It was not surprising that, at the age of 82, he was selected as the Irish Life National Pensioner of the Year. He had already received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Queen's University, Belfast, in 1983.

Despite his enormous appetite for work, he always found time for his family and other interests. He was a member of the Royal Irish Academy, collected oriental ivories and kept a yacht on the Irish Sea into his eighties. He had a great love of family, both present and past, took some pride in having the oldest patrimonic in Ireland and used to correspond on genealogical matters with the 10th Duke of Argyll, head of a cadet branch of the family. After he became a Knight of Malta he played an active part in the affairs of the Order. Its combination of a thousand years of history and its active role in charitable works was perfectly in tune with his interests and character. Despite his great abilities as an administrator, he loved people and the elderly inhabitants of Lurgan, who had been his patients, still tell anecdotes of his energy and wit.

He was devoted to his wife Gemma and they were happily married for nearly sixty years, with her death preceding his own by only a matter of months. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

ROBERT RUSSELL

William Robert Russell, former chairman of the shipping line, Shaw Savill and Albion, died on April 11 aged 80. He was born on August 6, 1913.



OUT of a job in the Depression of the 1930s, Bob Russell failed the Civil Service entrance examination by four marks. In the light of later developments, however, it was probably just as well that he did. For the youth from London's Docklands, who started out as an office boy earning just over a pound a week, was eventually to head one of the world's most famous shipping lines of his day.

After the Coronation in 1953, the Queen with the Duke of Edinburgh used a Shaw Savill vessel, the *Gothic*, as a royal yacht while sailing round Australia and New Zealand on their Commonwealth tour. In the following year, the Queen repaid the compliment by launching the *Southern Cross*, the first of two large new passenger liners specifically designed for Shaw Savill's trade with Australasia (and still at sea today as a cruise vessel). A sister ship, the *Northern Star*, was launched by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother several years later.

Bob Russell, a director since 1958, became general manager in 1961, then managing director and chairman in 1968, retiring in 1973 at the age of 60. He then started what was in effect a second career as a leading figure in developing markets in the Antipodes. He was chairman of the Australian and New Zealand Advisory Committee to the British Overseas Trade Board, 1975-77, and of the New Zealand and UK Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 1977-84. He was also chairman of the London Board of the Bank of New Zealand, 1981-84, and vice-president of the Australian British Trade Association, 1980-86. He was also twice chairman of the European and Japanese National Shipowners Association.

Yet Russell was born in unprivileged surroundings in the East End, the son of a tally clerk in the London docks. He went to school at Wakefield Road Central, but left at 16 to work as an office boy with Geo. Thompson, loading brokers for the Aberdeen and Commonwealth Shipping Line at Australia House.

Three years later, he lost his job when the company amalgamated with Shaw Savill and Albion, a well established company founded in the mid-19th century. After narrowly failing in his bid to join the Civil Service, Russell was lucky to be given temporary work with Shaw Savill which found it had underestimated its staffing requirement after the takeover.

Then came the war. Joining the Royal Navy as a rating in 1941, Russell sailed shortly afterwards in the minesweeper *Gossamer* to Archangel on the first of the Russian convoys PQ1. *Gossamer* was away from Britain until the end of the year, sweeping mines in the White Sea and evacuating a Hurricane wing from Murmansk. Commissioned in the following year, Russell was appointed to the armed trawler *Avalanche*, initially as her first officer and then as her captain during the D-Day operations 50 years ago. In December 1944 he recommissioned the trawler *Trondra* and was in Iceland until the end of the European war.

A year later he was back with Shaw Savill's customs and forwarding office and in early 1948 was selected for management training. A delighted Russell took full advantage of his first big break and three years later was appointed an assistant manager in the company.

His first visit to Australia and New Zealand took place in 1956 and in the following year he was made chairman of the Australian Tonnage Committee. Russell specialised on the freight side of the business, making his mark as a tough and competitive negotiator over transit costs with the food producer groups in Australia and New Zealand with whom Shaw Savill did much of its trade.

A reserved man whom colleagues found it difficult to get to know, he was an ambitious and determined administrator and took pains to encourage younger members of the staff. In retirement — insofar as he ever did retire — Russell applied the same qualities to the common good. He led a fundraising campaign to build a ramp for disabled people at Oxted station, thus enabling them to cross from one side of town to the other. He then persuaded Lord Howe, at that time the local MP, to open it nine years ago. The plaque which was unveiled bears Russell's name. He also worked for the Abbeyfield Society in Oxted and for four years served on Tandridge District Council. Russell took up sailing in his own time, taking his boat *Westland Voyager* on cruises to the Mediterranean. He was still crossing the Channel at 79. He was also a regular and enthusiastic attender of the Shaw Savill staff's annual reunions.

Bob Russell is survived by his wife Muriel and by one son and a daughter.

DENNIS HARTAS

Dennis Hartas, commercial, air racing and display pilot, died on March 27 aged 69. He was born on April 27, 1924.

THE flying career of Dennis McDonnell Hartas started towards the end of the Second World War when he joined the RAF with the avowed intention of avenging the death of his elder brother who had crash-landed and died at Hawkinge, Kent, when on active service in 1941.

His flying ability was soon recognised. After joining the Oxford University Air Squadron, he completed training in Canada with almost unprecedentedly high marks. But the opportunity for active service was slipping away and he transferred to the Fleet Air Arm where he just managed to see action.

With the war over, his father found him a job working for Shell, where his new boss was the famous legless wartime ace Douglas Bader. Not by nature suited to office life, he was soon airborne again with British European Airways.

Joining the Tiger Club in 1957 was the start of an outstanding flying career. Twice British air racing champion, and winner of the King's Cup in 1964, Hartas made aviation history by crossing the Channel with Allanah Campbell standing on the wing of a de Havilland Tiger Moth.

He flew in, and led, many aerobatic displays, including "Tied Together" exhibitions that required not only great skill but complete trust and confidence between the pilots. He led a fly-past of nine Tiger Moths to mark the 1965 memorial service to Sir Geoffrey de Havilland. It was Hartas's decision to go ahead, despite the appalling weather conditions of that day — the nine aircraft suddenly appearing out of the mist.

As an innovator of "Crazy Flying," Hartas was one of its most spectacular performers. He also made an unpublicised solo flight under Clifton Suspension Bridge. This was a momentary lapse on the part of someone who did not normally indulge in flamboyant showmanship and was actively concerned with air safety. Many of the guidelines he drafted as the Tiger Club's first safety officer have been adopted by the Civil Aviation Authority.

In retirement, Hartas continued to play an active role in the Tiger Club — and in the Air Training Corps where he encouraged an interest in flying among the young.

In temperament he was irascible, modest and more at ease in the cockpit of an aeroplane than at social gatherings. But his friends knew him as kind and intensely loyal, with an impish sense of humour which stayed with him, even in his last three years of illness.

He was unmarried.

IRENE EISINGER

Irene Eisinger, Czech soprano, died at Weston-super-Mare on April 8 aged 90. She was born in Kosel im Schlesien, then part of Austria, on December 8, 1903.

ONE of the last few remaining links with the prewar Glyndebourne Festival has gone with the death of Irene Eisinger. She was high on the guest list for the opening of the new Glyndebourne opera house next month — and rightly so. She sang in the first festival of 1934 as Despina in *Così fan tutte* and quickly established herself as a house favourite. She was back the following year and again in the three seasons before the outbreak of war.

Irene Eisinger was also one of the few performers to span the prewar and the postwar Glyndebourne. She returned to the company as Despina during the performances of *Così* at the 1949 Edinburgh Festival, with Sena Jurinac as Dorabella. Her personal links with the Christie family were established in 1936 when she sang Josef Strauss's Aquarellen waltz at a private concert to celebrate the birth of George Christie, who was in due course to take over the chairmanship of Glyndebourne from his father, John.

Rudolf Bing was the man who brought Irene Eisinger to Glyndebourne. He himself had been imported by Carl Ebert and Fritz Busch to help to cast and plan that first season. He approached Eisinger in Prague and the invitation was happily accepted by the soprano, whose German engagements were fast diminishing because of her Jewish parentage. She was soon to repay Bing. At Glyndebourne Irene Eisinger caught the eye of C. B. Cochran, who put her into West End revue. Bing, who possibly helped to effect the introduction, says in his memoirs, *5000 Nights at the Opera*: "During the run of the show *Follow the Sun* she paid me a small weekly fee." Certainly it helped, as at the time he had no income apart from when he was on the Glyndebourne payroll.

Irene Eisinger was born into a Jewish family which was poor, devout and large. She was one of nine children. Her mother encouraged her piano playing and an elder brother persuaded her to try for a music scholarship to study in Vienna. She won the latter when she was 16 and later trained with Paula Mark-Neusser. She made her debut with the Basle Opera when she was 22 and soon moved to the Berlin State Opera, where for a time she was the youngest member of the company. Susanna in *Le nozze di Figaro* became her best-known role.



Irene Eisinger as Despina in a prewar Glyndebourne production of *Così fan tutte*

She sang at the Kroll Opera in Berlin under Klemperer and in 1930 made her Salzburg debut in *Figaro*, but this time as Cherubino, with Clemens Krauss conducting. She repeated the part at Salzburg in the 1932 and 1933 festivals. There were also appearances in contemporary opera: Hermione in Richard Strauss's *Die ägyptische Helena* at Salzburg and in Kurt Weill's *Die Bürgschaft* in Berlin.

Her good looks and natural vivaciousness led Irene Eisinger to screen musicals, which included *Zwei Herzen in Dreivierteltakt (Two Hearts in Waltz Time)*. She also appeared on stage with Richard Tauber in *Lilac Time*.

The rise of Nazi power put paid to her screen career. In 1933 Irene Eisinger moved to the German Opera in Prague and it was there that the call to England came. At Glyndebourne her Despina was reckoned to be both witty and resourceful: happily it has been preserved on EMI's recording of that first Glyndebourne *Così*.

It was followed in 1935 by a well received Blonde (*Entführung*) and Papagena in *Die Zauberflöte*. The latter is a small role but the right soubrette can make an impression in it. Eisinger clearly did and Cochran brought her to the West End in a revue, *Follow the Sun*, at the Adelphi, starring Vic Oliver. She had a song called "Love is a Dancing Thing" and once again made the most of it. The 1936-37 winter season saw her Covent Garden debut as the maid Adele in a *Die Fledermaus* sung in English and conducted by Stanford Robinson. The full Central European charm was brought into play and Eisinger was reckoned to be exemplary in the role. This was followed by Humperdinck's *Hänsel und Gretel* in which she played little sister to Maggie Teyte's Hänsel.

Glyndebourne were slightly perturbed to find their new discovery missing in London for the 1936 season. But all was forgiven and she returned in 1937 for Blonde and Susanna. The latter role she was to share over the next two summers with John Christie's wife, Audrey Mildmay. During the war Glyndebourne staged a single production, John Gay's *The Beggar's Opera* with Michael Redgrave as Macheath, which ran for well over a hundred performances at the Haymarket. Once again Mildmay and Eisinger doubled for one another as Polly Peachum.

By 1938 Irene Eisinger had decided to make England her home. She lived in London and refused to leave it even during the height of the Blitz. In 1942 she appeared in a distinguished revival of *Lilac Time* at the Stoll Theatre, with Frank Titterton and Derek Oldham.

She retired quietly from the stage in the early 1950s, no longer wishing to have the limelight. She rarely went to the opera, preferring to devote herself to her scores and her two daughters, her marriage having ended in divorce. They both survive her.

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GUIDE-BOOKS AS BOOKS.

A few days ago our Berlin Correspondent announced the death at an advanced age of the prince of guide-book publishers, Dr Friedrich Baedeker. Those neat, crimson pocket volumes! How familiar the sight of them, sprinkling the Uffizi and the Pitti with little red specks, thumbed by conscientious Teutons in rumcible hats and goggled Americans whispering aloud, "Wa-al, Sadie, these durned three-star things get my goat"! Why will people persist in consulting these manuals on the spot? They are works of reference, to be taken down from the shelf or extracted from the kit-bag, as the case may be, and then left behind when we sally forth to "do" the galleries and the churches, to eat our ice at Florian's or mount up and up to Anacapri. Or they may be furtively studied in the train as a relief from gazing at the winding Rhone or to cloak your somnolence after the fine confused feeding of the Orient Express. But to carry them with you into the actual presence of the Medici Venus or the St. Ursula of Carpaccio, as though to verify the details of these masterpieces from a *livret d'identité*, is merely barbarous. As well follow an opera with your eyes glued to a "book of the words"!

That of all guides the Baedekers are peculiarly works of reference is borne out by our Correspondent's statement that Friedrich Baedeker "turned the guide-books of his firm into a series of compilations. He appointed an editor to collate contributions which came to him from travellers, artists, historians, antiquaries, Egyptologists, and Orientalists, to say nothing of art critics and journalists." This means that they are miniature encyclopaedias, *biblia-a-biblia*, rather than books to read for pleasure. Now it was a real literary pleasure to read one of the old Murray handbooks. What a jolly book was Ford's Handbook of Spain! Yet, says Ford, "many ladies condescended to signify to the publisher their regret, that the handbook was printed in a form which rendered its perusal irksome, and also to express a wish that the type had been larger," whereupon the obliging author carved out of it a separate volume, with all the tit-bits and without the "dry" parts. "Gatherings from Spain" (Murray, 1846), which is an even jollier book than the other. It is a vanished Spain of course; but what does that matter? The past lives again in its racy pages, and you have a picture of human life which is none the less exciting because it has ceased to be true to actual fact. After all, the best guide-books to read are guides to nothing but themselves.

And so we may rule out the actual facts as irrelevant to our pleasure. Imaginary journeys are as satisfactory as real ones, without the wear and tear, to say nothing of the expense, of travel. That is the fascination of Balzac's introductory chapters, which are the guide-books of fiction. He takes you to Guérande, and you can positively smell the salt-marshes as you venture out to spend a musical evening with Béatrix and her tenor. Or he conducts you through Angoulême to the street-corner, where young David Séchard's printing-house stood and to the house where Mme. de Bargeton received Lucien de Rubempré (alias Chardon). Topography with him was what the counsel in "Pickwick" called the performance of the gentleman who hit his wife with a poker, "a amiable weakness." Borrow entrances you by the very opposite method, leaving his places mysteriously unnamed—"the city of the spire" for Salisbury, and so forth... We must go out and see the world beyond the bottom of the parson's garden for ourselves first of all. Otherwise, what would become of Messrs. Cook?

ON THIS DAY

April 22 1925

The death of Friedrich Baedeker, a son of Karl Baedeker, the founder of the famous firm of guide-book publishers, inspired A B Walkley, The Times Dramatic Critic, to discuss (at some length it has to be said) the changing fashions in travel guides.

THE TIMES TODAY FRIDAY APRIL 22 1994

NEWS

Customers to share buyout cash

■ The 1.4 million customers of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society will share in a £1.8 billion cash payout if they agree to a takeover of by Lloyds Bank. The takeover, announced yesterday, will be the first of a British building society by a bank.

Individual savers stand to receive an average £1,700. Depositors will get £2,500 on average, and borrowers who are not savers will get at least £500..... **Pages 1, 23, 27**

Uprated council tax rules scrapped

■ Homeowners won an important reprieve when the Government scrapped rules that could have forced thousands to pay backdated council tax bills. The Government said that an uprated bill would apply only from the date that the list held by the local valuation office was altered..... **Page 1**

Royal visit

The Duke of Edinburgh is to represent the Queen at the swearing-in of South Africa's president on May 10, the first official royal trip there since 1947..... **Page 1**

Veterans' choice

The Government handed war veterans a veto over its proposal to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day with a spectacular event in Hyde Park..... **Pages 1, 3, 19**

Shop sales rise

John Major led a concerted effort by ministers to trumpet the economic recovery as high street sales rose by 0.8 per cent last month, twice the level forecast by City analysts..... **Pages 2, 19**

Temple's compulsion

The athletics journalist Cliff Temple, who killed himself on a railway line, told his psychiatrist that he had a compulsion for patting the bottoms of female athletes, an inquest was told..... **Page 3**

Ratpack hunts terrier

Fleet Street's royal newshounds, who can usually sniff a regal indiscretion at a thousand paces, joined the hunt for Pooh, the Prince of Wales's missing terrier, but their diligent efforts came to naught..... **Page 3**

Opt-out 'sabotage'

Governors at an opted-out school in Greenwich say the Labour council is trying to sabotage it by luring pupils away..... **Page 6**

Beaches unsafe

Less than 10 per cent of British beaches are guaranteed to be free of sewage and safe for bathing, a guide says..... **Page 9**

Race tension rises

Fear of racial violence is growing on the Isle of Dogs as British National Party support ebbs for the local elections..... **Page 10**

Peace dispute

Concern grew in Israel that soldiers would refuse to obey a government order to dismantle Jewish settlements in the occupied Golan Heights..... **Page 11**

Election surprise

South Africa's Conservative Party announced that it might join next week's election under certain conditions..... **Page 12**

Gorazde killings

Bosnian Serb tank shells hit a medical centre of Gorazde, killing between 15 and 20 patients and wounding others..... **Page 13**

Cane protest

Britain is to join the United States in contesting Singapore's intention to cane foreigners after a 16-year-old from Hong Kong was sentenced to 12 strokes for vandalism and mischief..... **Page 14**

Korea warning

North Korea could have enough plutonium for up to five bombs within weeks, the US Defence Secretary said..... **Page 15**

Distant planets suggest signs of life

■ The odds that there is life elsewhere in the universe have shortened with the discovery of two Earth-sized planets 1,300 light years away in the Virgo constellation. They orbit a tiny, dense star quite unlike the Sun, so are not habitable, but their discovery makes it more likely that habitable planets exist outside the solar system..... **Page 1**

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



A salute is fired outside the Tower of London for the Queen's 68th birthday yesterday. She spent the day quietly at Sandringham

Economy: High street sales rose by 0.8 per cent in March, confounding expectations that consumers would draw in their horns due to impending tax rises..... **Page 23**

Channel tunnel: Shareholders in Eurotunnel will be asked to put up more than £600 million in fresh funds to bridge the gap between the Channel tunnel opening and full profitability..... **Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 2.9 points to close at 3101.2. Sterling's trade-weighted index rose from 80.1 to 80.5 after a rise from $1.4861 to $1.4970 and from DM2.5173 to DM2.5265..... **Page 26**

Golf: Karen Davies, of Wales, shot a five-under-par 69 to take a share of the lead in the Ford Women's Classic at Woburn. Laura Davies had a poor start and finished five strokes behind..... **Page 40**

Cricket: Raymond Illingworth, England's new chairman of selectors, made it clear that he will expect greater commitment from a number of his leading players if they wish to retain their Test places this summer..... **Page 42**

Racing: Chris Grant, a leading jump jockey for the past 20 years, announced his retirement after winning at Perth..... **Page 41**

The royal rover: "Of all the homes that a hound might choose to forsake for the open road, Balmoral is surely the last," writes Giles Coren..... **Page 17**

Warning shots: Beware the power of Dame Vera, still the Forces' sweetheart..... **Page 16**

Science site in danger: Nigel Hawkes reports on the Galapagos Islands and the wildlife endangered by fires..... **Page 16**

Three pages of news and job opportunities..... **Pages 30-32**

Shakespeare in the Tower: A production of *Richard III* has opened in the Tower of London. It is probably the first time Shakespeare has been performed there..... **Page 33**

Opera premiered: Judith Weir's *Blond Eckbert*, based on a German fairytale, was given its world premiere on Wednesday at the London Coliseum by English National Opera..... **Page 33**

Pop on Friday: Caitlin Moran on the charms of the shoe-gazing Ride; Alan Jackson in Scarborough with the heavy-metal group Little Angels; and David Sinclair reviews the latest albums..... **Page 34,35**



Paul Hill, one of the Guildford Four, had his conviction for the murder of a former soldier in 1974 quashed by the High Court in Belfast
Page 5



Hillary Clinton, sporting a new haircut, continued her series of talks on the health care reform package by addressing workers in Washington



Yevgeni Kafelnikov, a 22-year-old Russian, beat Michael Stich, the top seed, in Monte Carlo. It follows his defeat of Andre Agassi on Tuesday
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

Runners relive the agony

■ Will they ever do it again? Members of the *Times* teams give their verdicts on running in the London Marathon

Tapestries for the Bard

■ When the reconstruction of Shakespeare's Globe opens it will be decorated with huge tapestries, donated by the Shakespeare-lovers of New Zealand

America from coast to coast

■ Three-page special on America: from the Lone Star State to the Golden State

Angus Deayton, Ian Hislop and Paul Merton return for another series of *Have I Got News For You* (BBC2, 10pm)..... **Page 43**

Taxing times

All good news about the economy is welcome, but celebrations about the indifference of consumers, or indeed the voters, to tax increases are premature..... **Page 19**

Hard justice

Mr Clinton's repugnance at caning is widely shared. But a distinction must be made between the violation of an elementary right, such as that to a fair trial, and the application of a sentence that seems excessive in one society but is accepted as normal in another..... **Page 19**

Joint schools

The case for licensing universities to train barristers is a powerful one..... **Page 19**

BERNARD LEVIN

Everything you have heard about the scandalisation of the country by TW3 was true. Our reporter yesterday dug out a typical complaint that we were "pedlars of filth and destroyers of all that Britain holds dear", but that was nothing — a C of E clergyman called me "a thick-lipped Jew-boy"..... **Page 18**

PHILIP HOWARD

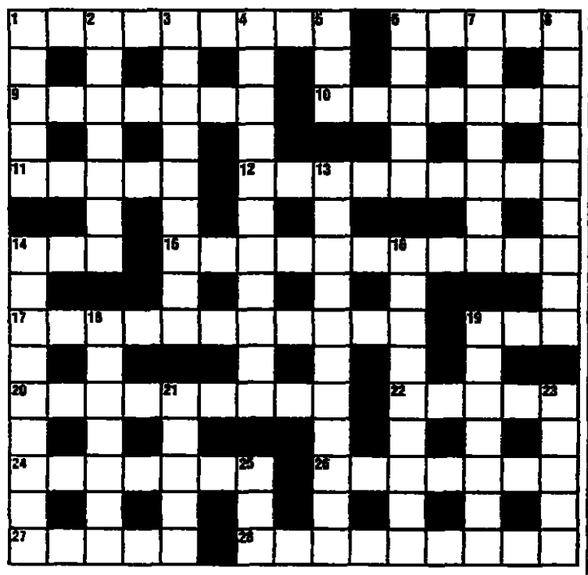
James Bond has left one legacy to literature: the casual dropping of trade names to lend a sophisticated gloss to an otherwise improbable narrative. This has become a fashionable literary device in the bonking and shopping genres of Eurotrash fiction..... **Page 18**

Dr James Deeny, social medicine pioneer; **Robert Russell**, former shipping line chairman; **Irene Eisinger**, Czech soprano; **Dennis Hartas**, pilot..... **Page 21**

D-Day memories and victory celebrations..... **Page 19**

Are President Clinton's words condemning US inaction over the Holocaust coming back to haunt him as he contemplates his Administration's handling of the Bosnia crisis? They ought to
— Washington Times

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,523



ACROSS

1 A French intellectual - almost drunk, regardless (9).
6 Timothy, the copper's nark (5).
9 Shock makes us walk unsteadily (7).
10 The hopelessness Christian found gigantic? (7).
11 Reliance on property administrators (5).
12 One cooking a hot pie in Addis Ababa? (9).
14 Diamonds found in Laodicea (3).
15 Coach rides organized by head of entertainment in York, say (11).
17 Accommodating sick aunt, initially, during illness (11).
19 A receiver's habitual posture (3).
20 Dismissed without food, becoming weak at the knees? (3-6).
22 Bird seen in river and lake (5).
24 One taking off without a shilling as a tourist (7).
26 Cagey about endorsement rejected the day before (7).
27 Befitting a monarch, to entertain lavishly out East (5).
28 Footballer, say, with novel he's revised for little money (9).

DOWN

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2 Old dance Shakespeare wrote for this? (7).
3 Bad thing to occur at the end of the day (9).
4 Every one in a remote circle having extensive influence (3-8).
5 Housman's Salopian left a small daughter (3).
6 Proceed across American square, displaying zest (5).
7 A couple of states suppressing the church's greed (7).
8 Severe, but ecstatic about part of Hertfordshire (9).
13 He needs a kid, perhaps, for this game (4-3-4).
14 Popular island peak where chickens may be hatched (9).
16 Manipulative type who works his fingers to the bone? (9).
18 A gull on the heath, crying feebly (7).
19 Sigh when a girl tears up the contents (7).
21 Throw out a former gymnastics student (5).
23 Old physician finds shelter overlooking church (5).
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London, SE England, E Anglia, Midlands, E England, Central N England: bright or sunny spells. Showers developing this afternoon, perhaps heavy and thundery. Wind SE light to moderate. Max 15C (59F).

Central S England, Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales: bright or sunny spells. Showers for a time, before rain from W in evening. Wind SE moderate, becoming fresh to strong. Max 13-15C (55-59F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England: cloudy. Outbreaks of rain. Becoming brighter this morning, with scattered showers this afternoon. Wind S moderate to fresh. Max 15C (59F).

Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: outbreaks of rain, some heavy, turning wintry on hills. Clearer with scattered showers this afternoon. Wind E becoming SE, moderate to fresh. Max 7-11C (45-52F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, NW Scotland, Orkney: rain from S, turning to sleet or snow on hills. Showery later. Wind light and variable, becoming E moderate. Max 7C (45F).

Shetland: cloudy with showers. Rain from S later. Wind W light, becoming E. Max 7C (45F).

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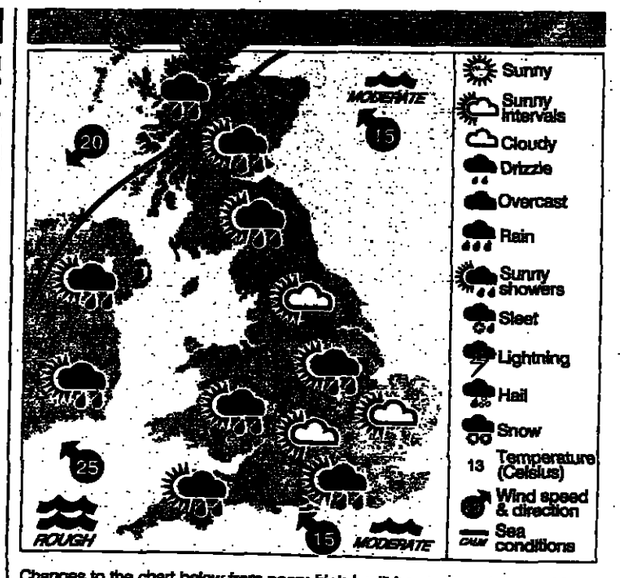
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Aspatria	6.6	0.01	13	55	s	Manchester	1.0	0.20	11	52	r
Aviemore	2.5	0.21	9	48	sh	Margate	3.3	-	12	54	c
Belfast	10.8	0.02	12	54	s	Minehead	0.3	-	12	54	r
Birmingham	3.0	-	13	55	b	Morecambe	1.0	0.42	10	50	r
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Bristol	0.8	-	11	52	c	Norwich	0.4	0.01	11	52	r
Buxton	1.5	0.08	10	50	d	Nottingham	2.7	-	12	54	sh
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Exmouth	-	-	9	48	c	Scilly Isles	4.6	-	13	55	s
Falmouth	x	-	-	-	-	Shanklin	3.6	-	11	52	c
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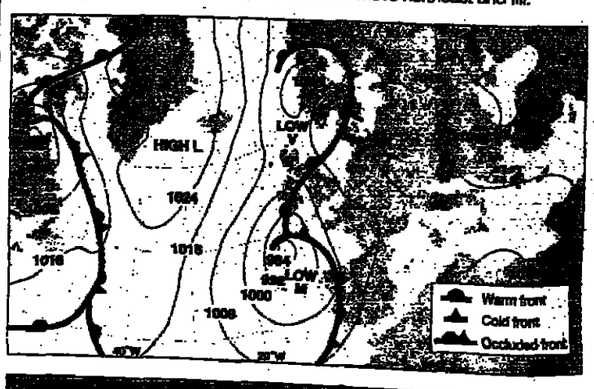
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Alex'dria	30	86	s	Dubrovnik	17	63	f	Melb'rne	16	59	s
Algiers	21	70	f	Faro	18	64	s	Mexico C	19	66	f
Amst'dam	11	52	c	Florence	20	68	f	Miami	29	84	f
Athens	21	70	s	Frankfurt	17	63	s	Milan	17	63	f
Bahrain	33	91	s	Funchal	17	63	f	Montreal	9	48	f
Bangkok	35	95	f	Geneva	13	55	f	Moscow	6	43	f
Barbados	29	84	f	Gibraltar	14	57	c	Munich	14	57	c
Barcelona	15	59	f	Helsinki	8	46	s	Nairobi	20	68	c
Beirut	26	97	f	Hong K	29	84	c	Naples	19	66	f
Belgrade	15	59	f	Innsbruck	15	59	f	N Delhi	32	90	s
Berlin	16	61	s	Istanbul	17	63	s	N York	16	61	s
Bermuda	24	75	s	Jeddah	36	97	s	Nice	16	61	s
Biarritz	16	61	s	Jo'burg	19	66	s	Oslo	7	45	r
Borde'x	15	59	s	L Palmas	18	64	c	Paris	14	57	f
Brussels	14	57	f	La Toquet	12	54	f	Penang	22	72	t
Budapest	17	63	f	Lisbon	17	63	f	Perth	24	75	s
B Aires	16	61	f	Locarno	14	57	c	Prague	16	59	s
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Chicago	16	61	s	Luxor	41	106	s	Rio de J	28	79	f
Cologne	17	63	s	Madrid	15	59	f	Riyadh	34	93	s
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S Frisco	13	55	c
Santiago	18	64	c
S Paulo	24	75	c
Seoul	27	81	s
Sing'por	30	86	f
St'kholm	11	52	f
Strasb'rg	15	61	s
Sydney	21	70	f
Tangier	16	61	c
Tel Aviv	37	99	f
Tenerife	19	66	f
Tokyo	22	72	s
Toronto	9	48	s
Tunis	21	70	c
Valencia	21	70	f
Vancouver	13	55	s
Venice	16	61	s
Vienna	16	61	s
Warsaw	15	59	s
Washt'on	22	72	s
Wellington	13	55	c
Zurich	12	54	f

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
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Aberdeen	10.09	3.8	10.56	3.8
Avonmouth	3.31	11.2	4.16	11.5
Belfast	7.30	3.2	8.15	3.1
Cardiff	3.17	10.51	3.56	10.79
Devonport	2.05	4.7	2.54	4.7
Dover	7.57	5.8	8.19	6.1
Falmouth	1.35	4.5	2.24	4.5
Glasgow	9.24	4.2	10.28	4.0
Harwich	9.25	3.5	9.47	3.5
Holyhead	7.04	4.9	7.44	5.0
Hull	2.58	6.33	3.13	6.47
Ilfracombe	2.28	7.72	3.04	7.95
King's Lynn	3.07	5.4	3.18	5.6
Leith	11.22	4.8	—	—

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	7.49	8.2	8.39	8.4
Lowestoft	6.50	2.2	6.01	2.3
Margate	6.58	4.2	9.09	4.8
Milford Haven	2.47	5.6	3.24	6.0
Newquay	1.42	5.9	2.19	6.0
Oban	2.42	3.3	3.31	3.3
Penzance	1.17	4.7	2.02	4.7
Portland	2.46	1.6	4.00	1.6
Portsmouth	7.88	4.0	8.36	4.4
Shoreham	7.58	5.3	8.29	5.7
Southampton	7.23	3.9	8.04	4.2
Swansea	2.48	8.1	3.25	8.3
Tees	12.09	4.6	12.31	4.8
Wilton-on-Nse	8.28	3.8	8.44	3.7

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Sun sets: 8.09 pm
Moon sets: 3.54 am
Moon rises: 4.03 pm
Full moon April 23

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Bristol 8.18 pm to 5.59 am
Edinburgh 8.32 pm to 5.49 am
Manchester 8.32 pm to 5.52 am
Penzance 8.27 pm to 6.14 am

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Acquisition will signal start of mortgage price war

Lloyds to pay £1.8bn for C&G

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

LLOYDS Bank said its £1.8 billion takeover of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society will herald the beginning of a mortgage price war.

Brian Pitman, the bank's chief executive, said yesterday: "I believe that this deal will actually change the competitive environment. We will be so competitive that many will not be able to compete."

The acquisition, which will take at least a year to complete, will involve C&G's conversion from building society status to bank, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Lloyds. C&G will take on responsibility for all Lloyds' new UK residential mortgage business, though the products will be branded separately.

Mr Pitman said the combination of Lloyds' ability to raise money in the wholesale money markets at a cheaper rate than C&G, combined with C&G's low cost of distribution "has huge competitive advantages". The deal will make Lloyds the UK's fourth biggest mortgage provider, after the Halifax, Abbey National and Nationwide.

The two face a long haul to persuade the courts, the Building Societies Commission (BSC) and C&G customers to approve the deal, but are confident it will be completed by May next year. The deal will make Lloyds the "first bank to acquire a building society and is likely to pave the way for others to follow suit.

The move comes just two years after Lloyds' failed £3.7 billion attempt to takeover Midland Bank. This time round the bank was not the suitor: JP Morgan, C&G's adviser, first approached the bank in October last year, asking if it wanted to be included on a list of candidates. That approach came 15 months after C&G started a review of its business, and of prospects for its future as a building society or bank. Serious negotiations started when Lloyds became the preferred choice, in December.

Although the two sides finally agreed the details early yesterday, the real work has only just started. As it will set a precedent that other banks and building societies are likely to follow, the BSC has said it is not satisfied that, under the Building Societies Act, cash payments can be made to building society customers by a third party. It has also said that the Act could be interpreted to suggest that such payments cannot be made to people who have not been members of the society for more than two years.

Andrew Longhurst, C&G's chief executive, said C&G and Lloyds have received legal opinion, which suggests that Lloyds is able to make such payments, but they are going to court jointly with the BSC to seek clarification of the Act. They hope for a High Court ruling next month.

If the court rules that a third party cannot pay cash to building society customers Mr Pitman said: "We shall look at the whole deal again".

If the High Court gives the go ahead, the transfer statement and voting forms will be sent to C&G's members in October 1994. Lloyds shareholders will vote on the deal at an extraordinary general meeting in November and C&G members will vote at a special general meeting at the end of November. For the deal to succeed, it must be supported by at least 75 per cent of eligible voters who vote. In addition, at least 50 per cent of investors or those representing 90 per cent of the total balances must vote in favour.

The two hope that the BSC will give its approval in the first quarter of next year and the deal will be completed in May.

Lloyds said the £1.8 billion would be paid in cash and almost all of it would be split between C&G's borrowers and savers. Mr Pitman said there will be no "golden hello" for C&G directors, who will receive the same benefits as C&G customers and staff. Staff will recieve £500 on completion day.

Lloyds, which is advised by Barings, said it could pay for the takeover out of its own resources and there were no plans to raise extra funds from shareholders.

Mr Longhurst said the price paid by Lloyds reflects C&G's requirement that its business will continue to operate as it does now, retaining its own identity, setting its own interest rates and offering its own brands of savings and mortgage products to customers. C&G will not be tied to Lloyds products.

Mr Longhurst and John Bays, C&G's chairman, will join the Lloyds board. Mr Longhurst is seen as one possible candidate to replace Mr Pitman, who extended his tenure as chief executive beyond retirement age until next year. However, he will be 56 by the time the deal goes through, four years from retirement age, and Mr Pitman has not ruled out extending his stay again.

Mr Pitman said yesterday that Mr Longhurst will be "one of a number of hats in the ring".

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Andrew Longhurst, left, and Brian Pitman chatting yesterday before the press conference called to announce their £1.8 billion link-up

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Sales buck trend with 0.8% rise

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HIGH-STREET sales rose 0.8 per cent last month, confounding expectations of lower spending because of impending tax increases, as in February. In addition, February's 0.5 per cent fall was revised to a decline of only 0.3 per cent.

However, the figures, which appear to contradict this week's news of a plunge in consumer confidence in the latest Gallup poll and a gloomy Confederation of British Industry survey of retailers, carried a health warning because of the unusual timing of Easter.

The increase, which boosted the annual growth of sales from 2.8 per cent in February to 3.8 per cent, has dented hopes of an interest-rate cut but, because of the "Easter effect", it is quite possible April retail sales will fall back again. The CBI survey pointed to considerable weakness on the high street this month.

The Central Statistical Office and the British Retail Consortium acknowledged that March's apparently strong result was probably flattered by the timing of Easter. Good Friday fell on April 1 and was therefore included in the CSO's assessment of March retail sales, from February 27 to April 2. The CSO does an extra adjustment for such timing distortions but said "there are inevitable problems in adjusting for the effects of spending around Easter".

The BRC said: "The results this year were enhanced by the shift in the timing of Easter with the important pre-Easter week falling within the CSO March figures." Retailers remain concerned about the potential impact of tax increases, the first of which were implemented this month.

James May, BRC director-general, said it was very important that the Chancellor does not allow demand to run out of steam and that "further interest-rate cuts are applied earlier rather than later".

☐ Engineering sales rose 5 per cent in the three months to February on the previous quarter, comprising a rise in export sales of 9.9 per cent and domestic sales of 2 per cent.

Police raid Schneider premises

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

POLICE in Frankfurt yesterday raided private and business premises of Jürgen Schneider, the fugitive German property tycoon.

The public prosecutor's office in Frankfurt ordered police into nine local properties to search for evidence concerning Herr Schneider's activities. He disappeared two weeks ago leaving bank debts of more than DM5 billion and DM250 million owing to subcontractors.

Hilmar Kopper, management board chairman of Deutsche Bank, the main Schneider creditor, said his bank's credibility had been badly damaged by the affair, which has prompted scrutiny of the bank's role by the legal and political authorities.

Yesterday's police search aimed at securing documents linked to a fraud investigation concerning a prestige shopping precinct project in Frankfurt.

Eurotunnel cash call set at £600m

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

OVER the next two months shareholders in Eurotunnel will be asked to put up something in excess of £600 million in fresh funds to bridge the gap between the Channel Tunnel opening and becoming fully profitable.

The group confirmed the need for more shareholders' money as it announced the latest estimates of the cost of the project, of about £8.7 billion. But Sir Alastair Morton, the co-chairman, refused to give any further details until the formal rights issue document is produced.

Eurotunnel believes it will need a total debt-and-equity refinancing package of £1.1 to £1.2 billion, and in addition further funds to cover the necessary bankers' fees and expected interest payments on the amount borrowed. Of this, slightly less than half will have to come from shareholders, although the exact proportion is not yet fixed.

The additional money is needed in part because of further delays which have pushed the full functioning of the service well back from the official inauguration by the Queen and President Mitterrand on May 6. Limited services will run through the summer targeted at shareholders, customers who have already attempted to book and influential "opinion-formers", but the service will not operate at full capacity until some time around October.

The latest estimate is that the project is to turn cash-positive, with revenues fully covering the expected cost of servicing the debt, from 1998.

Sir Alastair hit out at reports that the delays in service were costing the project £50 million a month in lost revenue as "foolishness or something worse", but would not give his own estimates.

The most likely date for the rights appears to be early June. Eurotunnel must first gain shareholders' permission for the issue on May 17, and the money must be in place by the end of June, when existing banking facilities run out.

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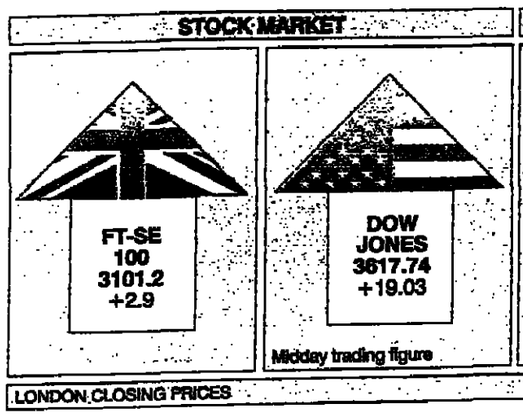
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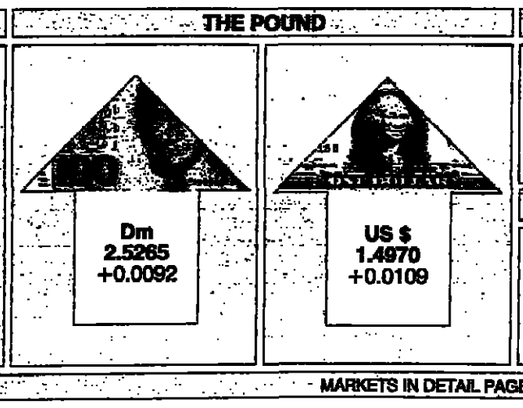
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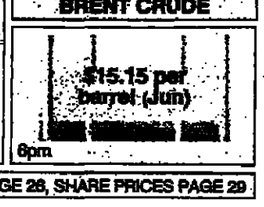
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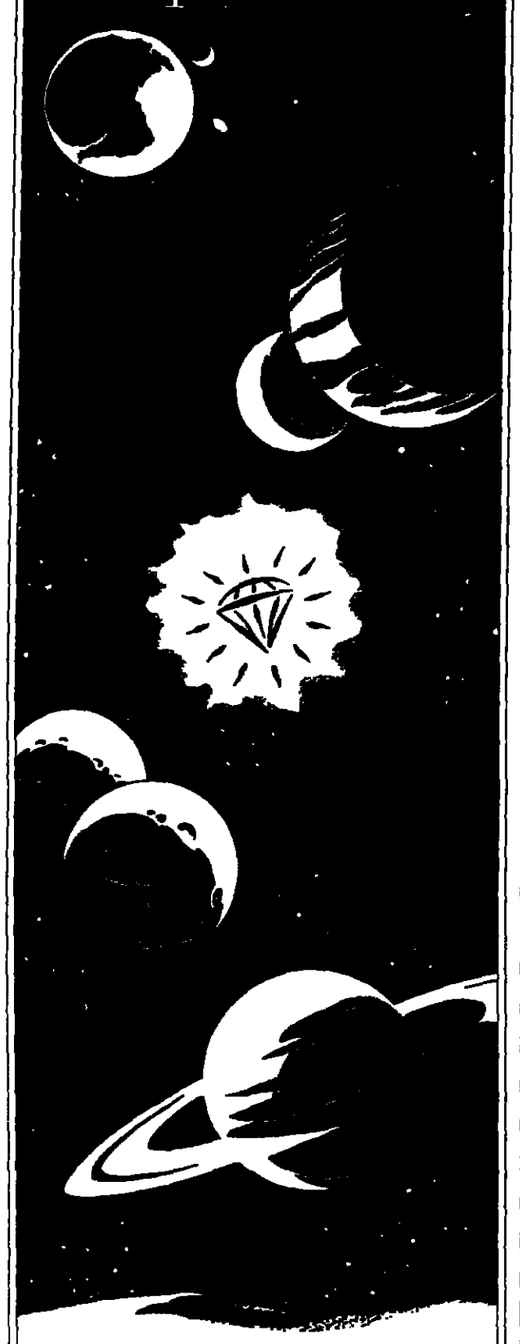
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JOHN MANNING



Jan Fletcher, 38, who runs The Fletcher Group, a motor franchise group based in Leeds with a turnover of more than £45 million a year, beat 90 candidates to win the Veuve Clicquot Business Woman of the Year award. Ms Fletcher, who trained as an accountant, also runs the award-winning Bryan's fish and chip restaurant in Leeds.

Ford shake-up seeks to specialise production

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

■ The British born chairman of Ford, who worked as a young manager on the Cortina, has rationalised production so that all cars are likely to be designed in Michigan

THE era of the Ford car made exclusively for the British market is to end in a radical shake-up of the world's second-biggest motor manufacturer.

Alex Trotman, the British-born chairman, yesterday announced plans to turn the company into a global manufacturer, which will allocate responsibilities to specialist centres around the world.

The bonus will be cost savings of at least $3 billion a year and a potential doubling of production of some models, including the Fiesta and Escort, made in Britain.

Jaguar, a Ford subsidiary, remains independent but must report to a new, large-cars division at Ford's headquarters at Dearborn, Michigan.

Mr Trotman's elaborate reorganisation means ending geographical responsibilities for design and engineering, merging functions between Ford's North American operations and Europe.

Cars such as the Granada are unlikely to be designed in Europe again but in Michigan. However, Ford's Dunton research centre in Essex and the Merkenich plant in Germany will take over design and engineering of all front-wheel-drive cars, essentially the Fiesta, Escort and Mondeo models, for world production.

Although the shift in the balance of power to America could be seen as detrimental to Europe, Ford executives believe its small-car operations, which are entirely front-wheel-drive, will be the biggest growth centre, providing models for new markets in Asia and the Pacific Rim, as well as building cars for the two key markets in North America and Europe.

Mr Trotman said: "This is a worldwide business that requires the broadest thinking and execution. We can best serve the individual customer in all the markets where we compete if we can provide the greatest amount of value, quality and choice.

"By integrating all our automotive processes and eliminating duplication of effort, we will use our creative and technical resources most effectively in our pursuit of total customer satisfaction." Ford's inability to cross borders with its products and expertise has meant that while American designers and engineers were expert in rear-wheel-drive large cars, for example, Europe ignored US developments.

The same was true of small cars, with the British-built Escort using European engines yet similar-sized Escorts in America using different engines and thousands of different components.

By handing over development of the next generation Escort, due in about four years, to Europe, Ford believes it can cut costs yet develop a better product.

Jacques Nasser, chairman of Ford of Europe, predicted that production of small cars could double from the 1.5 million made in Europe once the transition was complete, as lower production costs feed through to lower showroom prices, boosting sales.

European-style work councils under fire

BY PHILIP BASSETT,
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

EUROPEAN business leaders said yesterday they would fight tooth and nail against the imposition by Brussels of European-style works councils as engineering employers in the UK estimated the bodies would cost British companies affected more than £1m each to establish.

At the same time, UK unions attacked British employers for opposing the move to introduce European Committees, as the works councils are called in the latest European Commission directive on the issue.

MEPs are expected to debate next week the commission's directive on setting up Europe-wide committees to involve and consult employees of transnational businesses before the issue goes back to the EU's social affairs council in the summer and becomes law by the end of the year.



Tyszkiewcz: pledge to fight

Although the social protocol opt-out from the Maastricht Treaty negotiated by John Major removes most UK companies from the scope of the directive, the commission believes up to 100 large companies in Britain could still be affected by the requirement to set up the committees.

Zygmunt Tyszkiewcz, Secretary-General of Unice, the European employers' body, said yesterday that employers would fight "tooth and nail" against the rigid structure of the committees being insisted upon by Brussels.

Speaking in London to the Involvement and Participation Association, he urged employers to put pressure on the 11 social protocol EU member states to get the directive changed before it passed any further through Europe's legal processes.

He said the directive could not possibly be the right answer for all companies in all four corners of Europe.

Russian reforms on track says IMF

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
IN WASHINGTON

IN AN effective reversal of its previous position, the International Monetary Fund yesterday gave a ringing endorsement to Russia's economic reform policies, in what amounts to the most optimistic assessment of the Russian economy yet.

Defending the IMF's decision on Wednesday to grant a $1.5 billion loan to Russia, Michel Camdessus, the managing director of the IMF, said that Russia was well on track with its economic reform policies. He expressed confidence in Russian ability to bring inflation down to single monthly figures by the end of the year, and to press ahead with other important aspects of economic reform.

The loan was the second tranche of a low-interest systematic transformation facility agreed last June, and was originally due for payment before the end of last year.

M Camdessus said Russia was on course for the forecast reduction in monthly inflation from 20 per cent in January to single digits by the end of the year, and "low single digits" in 1995. "We have observed that Russia is doing everything possible to make progress in restructuring its economy," he said. Lloyd Bentsen, the US Treasury Secretary, said he was "encouraged by Russia's actions to cut its budget deficit and the growth of credit these steps represent".

Rail firms to seek several franchises

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

TEAMS of British Rail managers and private sector companies are likely to bid for portfolios of train operating franchises when rail privatisation starts in earnest next year, according to Roger Salmon, the franchise director.

Train operating groups will probably go on to seek stock market flotations as soon as they have established a credible profits record, he believes.

"There are going to be considerable synergies in having several businesses in one group. They are going to need less capital, I would accept a smaller performance bond and there will be management synergies." A portfolio of franchises, with varying expiry dates, would also make train operating companies a less risky investment, enabling them to float on the Stock Exchange more readily, he said.

With evidence of private sector interest in taking over the operation of train services from BR scarce, the Government and its agents have begun a publicity campaign to attract possible investors.

Mr Salmon, who is to award 25 train operating franchises over the next couple of years, backed by £1.8 billion of subsidies, says the opportunities for profit are considerable.

The first franchises are expected to be awarded before the end of next year. The second batch of franchises, named by Mr Salmon yesterday, will be: Anglia; Cardiff Valley; Merseyrail; Midland Main Line; South London and Sussex Coast Lines; South Wales and West and the West Coast Main Line.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

HELICAL BAR (Fin)
Pre-tax: £6.58m (£5.88m)
EPS: 27p (29p)
Div: 3.3p, mkg 5.8p
Last time's total dividend was 4.8p. The net asset value rose to 317p (179p) a share, with fully diluted NAV ahead to 299p (224p) a share.

CANNON ST INVS (Fin)
Pre-tax: £5.55m
EPS: 3.14p (LPS: 114.1p)
Div: Nil (nil)
There was a loss of £115,546 last time. Total turnover, reflecting discontinued operations, fell to £179.4m (£240.1m).

HENRY BOOT & SONS
Pre-tax: £7.59m (£7.08m)
EPS: 20p (18.9p)
Div: 4.8p, mkg 6.5p
Final results. Last time's total dividend was 5.8p. Turnover rose to £164.6m (£129.4m). Group says its balance sheet remains strong.

BRITISH DREDGING (Fin)
Pre-tax: £1.91m (£1.06m)
EPS: 7.91p (4.26p)
Div: 3p, mkg 5.6p (5.2p)
Turnover rose to £38m (£33.7m). Company said last year's progress reflected improved margins after a rigorous cost-cutting programme.

YORKLYDE (Fin)
Pre-tax: £2.97m (£2.2m)
EPS: 20.8p (15.5p)
Div: 3.8p, mkg 6p (5.2p)
Turnover grew to £15.4m (£13.3m). Company said all divisions have seen an increase in activity, which is being maintained this year.

MOLYNEUX ESTATES (Int)
Pre-tax: £357,000
EPS: 0.84p (LPS: 1.35p)
Div: 0.75p (nil)
There was a loss of £548,000 last time. Turnover climbed to £2.28m (£1.92m). Company said it will seek opportunities for careful expansion.

KLEARFOLD (Fin)
Pre-tax: $3.48m ($1.68m)
EPS: 12.6c (5.9c)
Div: 3c (nil)
Turnover rose to $52.5m ($39.7m). Company said its order book at the end of last year was substantially above the levels of previous year.

ORIEL GROUP (Q1)
Pre-tax: £1.06m
EPS: 2.9p (LPS: 2.4p)
Div: —
There was a loss of £146,000 in the comparative period. Income grew to £4.21m (£2.26m). Group said it anticipated further progress.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lancer Boss receivers in deal with Germans

RECEIVERS to the collapsed Lancer Boss forklift truck company have reached agreement for continued collaboration with Jungheinrich, which acquired Lancer's Steinbock Boss subsidiary a week ago. The deal should ensure continued sale of up to half the group's United Kingdom output through its former German subsidiary, protecting jobs at the Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, factory.

However, Allan Griffiths, the Grant Thornton corporate recovery chief who has been appointed administrative receiver, yesterday declared 50 redundancies among the 600-strong workforce at Lancer Boss. "I think management would have taken the same decision," he said. "These are mainly people in administrative and support posts." Under yesterday's deal, Jungheinrich, a leading German lift truck maker, will continue to supply components to Leighton Buzzard, so that the close links between the two manufacturing plants are maintained.

News Corp sells stake

THE News Corporation, owner of *The Times*, has sold its remaining 15.1 per cent stake in *South China Morning Post* (SCMP), the prestigious Hong Kong newspaper, to a subsidiary of Malayan United Industries (MUI), for HK$1.04 billion in cash. News Corp began its exit from the SCMP in September, when it sold 34.9 per cent of the paper to Kerry Media, part of the Kerry Group owned by Robert Kuok, the Malaysian businessman and adviser to Peking, for US$349 million. News Corp said its two remaining directors on the SCMP board would resign subject to cash completion of the sale to the Malayan company today.

Wm Low recovery signs

THE first tentative signs of recovery in food retailing emerged yesterday as William Low, the Dundee supermarket group, said an element of stability had returned to the market. Philip Spicer, chief executive, said the flurry of aggressive price-cutting which followed a campaign by Sainsbury had now died down. Operating profits fell 26 per cent to £8.5 million (£11.6 million) in the six months to March 19 despite a 2.5 per cent rise in sales to £246.5 million (£240.4 million). However, overall pre-tax profits rose to £12.1 million (£10.9 million) thanks to a one-off £5 million gain on the disposal of unwanted stores and the sale of Coatbridge Retail Park.

Delay in gas-plant work

WORK has yet to begin on more than half the new gas-fired power stations planned in the wake of power privatisation, the National Grid Company has revealed. Although would-be plant operators have signed grid connection contracts for plants equal to more than half of Britain's peak demand, "there is no guarantee that all of the remaining plant will be built and it is possible some will be deferred or reduced in capacity," said NGC in a commentary to its seven-year demand statement. Eric Eunson, of NGC, said a capacity surplus of "between 20 per cent and 30 per cent" now looked likely at the turn of the century.

Cluff lifts production

CLUFF Resources, the gold mining group concentrating on Africa, plans to develop a gold property in Tanzania this year and expects the group's gold production to exceed 130,000 ounces by 1995-96. Cluff, with operations in Zimbabwe and a property in Ghana that goes into full production in 1995, says it is confident it is "at the threshold of a substantial improvement in fortunes". The company reported a pre-interest profit of £1.04 million (restated £2.08 million loss) for 1993. Total ore reserves and resources at December 31 stood at 1.9 million ounces of gold. The shares rose 2½p to 46½p.

Oxford Molecular price

SHARES in Oxford Molecular Group, the developer of computer-aided molecular design software and systems for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, have been priced at 80p, capitalising the group at £29.5 million. The company is coming to market via a £10 million placing, sponsored by Henry Cooke Corporate Finance, with net proceeds of £9.35 million. Dealings are due to begin on April 28.

☐ Capitol Group, the security services provider, will be capitalised at about £11 million when it comes to market, according to the pathfinder prospectus. Granville Davies is sponsor. Impact day is May 5 and dealings are expected on May 17.

Roxboro acquisition

ROXBORO, the electronics group that floated last November, is buying Solartron, a UK maker of sensors and measuring instruments, for a maximum of £65 million. Roxboro announced a placing and open offer of new ordinary shares at 255p — compared with a market price yesterday of 284p — to raise £30.6 million. It will be on the basis of 37 new shares for every 100 already held. Initially, Roxboro is paying £43 million in cash and shares for Solartron, and is assuming £12.3 million of its debts. A further £10 million will be paid if profit targets are met. Solartron's customers include Rolls-Royce and Lucas Industries.

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PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1993

	1993	1992
Turnover	£164.6m	£129.4m
Profit before tax	£7.6m	£7.1m
Earnings per share	20.0p	18.9p
Dividends per share	6.5p	5.9p
Net assets per share	£1.73	£1.61

* Turnover Up 27%
* Operating Profit Up 20%
* Dividends Up 10%
* Record Pre-Tax Profit of £7.6m

The Annual Report 1993 will be posted to Shareholders on 3 May 1994. Copies may be obtained from the Company Secretary

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☐ A life of Brian for the C&G ☐ A swallow for IBM's summer ☐ Stand by for multiple BR franchises

Pitman's mortgage shorthand

☐ WHEN Brian Pitman, Lloyds Bank's chief executive, was brewing the tea as an office junior at the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, he claims he never dreamt he would one day return to buy the business. If so, it was an unusual lapse of character, since Mr Pitman is a man who looks a long way into the future.

Two years ago, when most of his contemporaries were still struggling with their bad debt provisions, Mr Pitman was already laying his plans for banking in a low inflation environment.

He believed then, as now, that much of banking is a commodity business and that when the banks no longer had regular bouts of inflation to bail them out, only the lowest cost producer could win.

Those beliefs came to fruition yesterday with the acquisition of the C&G, a society which has turned cost efficiency into high art. Its expenses ratio is scarcely half that of the average building society and a third of many banks.

With the low-cost weapon of the C&G, Mr Pitman can launch a price war in the mortgage and savings market that could drive his rivals into the ground, and still deliver above average returns to shareholders. Little wonder that shares in most of the other banks fell yesterday as Lloyds enjoyed its lap of honour.

Mr Pitman has had to play a waiting game. When Lloyds lost the battle for Midland, it was shunned by City investors as the bank with lots of cash but nowhere to go. Analysts preferred more racy recovery counters, such as Barclays, to Lloyds' dreary tale of superior returns and dividend growth.

Like Lord Weinstock before him, Mr Pitman ignored the siren voices and kept the cash mounting. He was rewarded last autumn when a letter from J. P. Morgan offered him the opportunity he knew would come along sooner or later. At 2.1 times book value and 14 times historic earnings, the acquisition is not expensive as banking deals go, and should look even cheaper in a year's time when Lloyds has to hand over the £1.8 billion cheque. Nor will the acquisition particularly strain the bank's resources. It can pay for all the goodwill by releasing the £1 billion or more of over-provisions it has amassed on its third world debt portfolio.

Now however it is Lloyds' shareholders turn to play the waiting game, since they will not see the benefits of the C&G deal for some years. The transaction will not be completed for a year, even assuming it clears the many legal hurdles.

It will be 1996 before Lloyds' figures benefit from a full year of ownership, and it may not enjoy the full earnings boost from reducing C&G's funding costs and expanding sales of its mortgages until the end of the decade. But those benefits will come, particularly as only 4 per cent of Lloyds' customers buy a mortgage through the bank today, offering a huge market to be tapped.



Big Blue comes out of the red

☐ GOOD NEWS from Big Blue, which in recent years has suffered a bottom line colour change to Big Red, is something of a rarity and Wall Street duly raised the flag.

First-quarter earnings of $336 million, or $0.54 per share, after exceptional items, significantly outstripped analysts' predictions. IBM described the figures as "encouraging", reported higher revenues world-wide and pointed to appreciably lower expenses. For lower expenses, read the benefits of IBM's ongoing redundancy bloodbath. Louis Gerstner, IBM's chairman and chief executive, lassoed (at considerable cost) from RJR Nabisco, was quick to put recovery into perspective. One set of quarterly results "do not guarantee sustained, long term success". In his words: "We have improved in many areas but we still have a long way to go."

That said, Gerstner's decision to cut IBM down to a size more commensurate with its revenues, taken shortly after his arrival a year ago, is clearly making itself felt. Last July brought news that IBM was taking an $8.9 billion charge — one of the largest restructuring provisions in US history — to cover some 60,000 job cuts along with international factory and office closures over 18 months.

The rapidity of Gerstner's action was not surprising, bearing in mind that after seven years of cost cutting, IBM was still perceived as fat rather than lean. Not only fat but, come confession time "arrogant, insular and complacent".

Gerstner succeeded the luckless John Akers who, on his appointment in 1986, inherited the world's most profitable company. IBM's net profits amounted to a record $6.5 billion in 1984, on sales of $46.3 billion. Come the twilight of Akers' reign, this had been replaced by a 1992 loss of $4.9 billion — the largest corporate deficit in history.

Wall Street has no illusions over Gerstner's abilities with the axe although the jury is out as to long-term strategy. In an interview last summer, Gerstner declared: "The last thing IBM needs right now is a vision. What IBM needs right now is a series of very tough-minded, market driven, highly effective strategies that deliver performance."

News of the 6 per cent rise in first-quarter revenues saw the share price surge $4¾ to $57 during early Wall Street trading, albeit a far cry from the halcyon $175 days of 1987. Cash stands at $9 billion but debt at $26.9 billion must be seen against a $21 billion market capitalisation. At least Big Blue has seen a swallow.

British Rail's fast track

☐ IF YOU want to make a fast buck in the latter half of the nineties, start reading railway history. Through the fragmented privatisation of British Rail, the government is deliberately recreating an immature railway industry in this country.

Ministers hope this will lead to rapid innovation, accompanied by falling costs and improving services. Indeed it may. But instability in any industry is usually accompanied by speculation, just as juvenility is followed by consolidation.

Roger Salmon, the franchise director, is already facing up to this. He has 25 train operating franchises in his gift, generating a total of £2.2 billion in revenues and attracting a further £1.8 billion of subsidy.

Multiple franchise bids already look more likely than not. Larger groups will enjoy considerable management and operating efficiencies. So despite the present lukewarm interest, the emergence of consortia aiming to create the three or four big British train operators of the next century is to be expected.

Who might sign up? Those who stand to gain. BR managers are a necessity, since they understand how the railway works. Rival transport undertakings, such as airlines and shippers, because they can't afford afford to lose the business.

And property and construction conglomerates who can see where there is money to be made. Only minimal capital will be needed, and almost anyone can improve upon British Rail's marketing. If history is any guide, it will be at the ends, in station-side shopping malls, hotels and office developments, that railway companies of the future will hope to reap the benefits of any service improvements they bring about.

UK workers lose jobs to Chinese in Babcock shake-up

By Neil Bennett

MORE than 450 engineering workers in Renfrewshire and West Sussex are to lose their jobs to the Chinese, after Babcock International announced it was halving the size of its Scottish boiler-making factory and signing a partnership agreement with the Wuhan Boiler Works, near Peking.

Babcock also announced a £79 million rights issue to pay for the reorganisation, which will cost £25 million and push the group into a loss of £41.2 million for the year to March 30.

Babcock admitted that unless it raised the cash from its shareholders it would breach its banking covenants when it published its full-year figures.

As part of its reorganisation, Lord King of Wartnaby is retiring as chairman from Babcock in July. Eric Parker, the chief executive, will replace him.

Dr Parker said yesterday that the job losses were part of a three-year plan to reorganise Babcock and rationalise its loss-making energy division. Most of the jobs will be lost in Renfrew, while most of the rest will be shed in the division's other site at Crawley, West Sussex. From now on, Wuhan will manufacture the boilers Babcock needs for its power station contracts in the Far East.

Babcock estimates that the move will cut its manufacturing costs by 30 per cent. Dr Parker said: "If we did not make this move, the future of the other 1,200 people in our energy division would be threatened."

Babcock has made a series of provisions on loss-making contracts in the energy division, including its £400 million flue gas desulphurisation project at the Drax power station. These provisions, which include £15 million for Drax, pushed the energy business to a loss of £29.3 million in the year to March 30, which wiped out the profits from Babcock's other four divisions.

Babcock's losses have slashed the group's net worth, and even though it had net cash of £3.9 million at the end of March, the group has had to renegotiate its banking facilities for another two years. The money from the rights issue will pay for the redundancy and reorganisation costs and leave the group broadly cash neutral.

Babcock is issuing four shares for every seven held at 27p each. The group's share price rose 3.75p to 37p after the announcement of the rights issue.

Dr Parker said the rights money would give the group the funding to look for small acquisitions for its process and materials handling divisions. Babcock is also expected to bid for the Rosyth naval dockyard.

☐ Texas Instruments, the American-owned electrical component company, is to axe 400 jobs at its 37-year-old UK factory. It said most of the jobs would go from the plant in Bedford by the end of the year, with some being cut in 1995.

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Tie Rack climbs 31%

ROY BISHKO, chairman of Tie Rack, pictured, is raising the dividend 75 per cent after continued international expansion boosted profits 31 per cent last year (Susan Gilchrist writes).

Mr Bishko said the key to higher profits was adding stores without extra overhead costs. Pre-tax profits rose to £6.7 million (£5.1 million) in the year to January 30, with operating margins up from 6.7 to 7.9 per cent. The dividend is 1.75p (1p).

Liberty revamps voting structure

By Susan Gilchrist

LIBERTY, the fabrics to fashion group, is to give equal rights to shareholders by enfranchising its non-voting shares.

Patrick Austen, chief executive, said the move reflected his confidence in the future of the group, which is one of the last to capitulate to City pressure to reform its ownership structure.

The 30 per cent of shareholders without voting rights will be enfranchised. The founding Stewart-Liberty family, which controls more than 50 per cent, will see its stake cut to less than 45 per cent. The 15.8 per cent stake held by Colin Myerson, the South African entrepreneur, could be diluted to just under 15 per cent.

The group also announced a 13 per cent drop in pre-tax profits from £3.7 million to £3.2 million in the year to January 29. Mr Austen said the fourth consecutive fall was attributable to difficulties in its wholesaling and printing operations, particularly in France.

The retail side, which accounts for more than 70 per cent of turnover, boosted sales and profits, with sales at the flagship Regent Street store up 11 per cent.

A final dividend of 5.35p makes an unchanged total of 7.2p.



Austen: confidence

Etam to end 'Romford girl' image

By Our City Staff

ETAM, the women's fashion retailer, is planning to revamp its core Etam chain in an attempt to attract more upmarket customers. Rodney East, managing director, said that the chain still carried the cheap and cheerful image of the 1980s, when it was targeted at the Romford office girl.

Mr East said that the group intended to change that perception by increasing the quality and fashion content of its merchandise, and by improving the look of its stores.

A new store design is under review, but it will not be seen in high streets until January. Mr East expects the total overhaul to cost about £10 million.

Etam unveiled a 28 per cent jump in pre-tax profits from £10.9 million to £14 million in the year to January 29 on static sales of £220.3 million (£220.7 million). A final dividend of 5.75p (5.25p) brings the total payout to 7.5p (6.9p), an increase of 9 per cent.

IBM exceeds expectations

By Colin Narbrough

IBM, the world's biggest computer company, stunned Wall Street with a much better than expected first quarter net profit of $392 million, but warned investors that it has some way to go to recover from huge losses of the past two years.

The first quarter profit, the second quarter in the black after five in the red in 1992 and 1993, was boosted by the $248 million disposal of its designed systems unit, Federal Systems. But it had to make a large writedown due to accounting changes for software development costs. Excluding special items, earnings from operations would have been $336 million, or 54 cents a share, 10 cents below the headline earnings per share. Market forecasts had ranged between a small loss per share to about 20 cents profit per share.

The results is likely to reinforce the market view that "Big Blue", the company's nickname, is starting to reap solid rewards from its massive restructuring programme aimed at keeping it ahead of unprecedented change in the world computer market. The first quarter profit compares with a $339 million loss in the same period in 1993. Revenue was up 2 per cent at $13.4 billion. Higher sales were recorded in all regions, with the fastest growth in Asia and Latin America.

Louis Gerstner, brought in as chairman and chief executive last year to restore IBM to health after its mainframe business went awry, sought, however, to caution against over-optimism. "The results from one quarter do not guarantee sustained, long-term success," he said.

Henry Boot

PUBLIC NOTICES

AMP

NOTICE OF MEETING

Australian Mutual Provident Society
(including the London Life Fund)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the United Kingdom members of the Australian Mutual Provident Society (AMP) will be held at the Armourers' Hall, 81 Coleman Street, London EC2R 5BJ at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 17 May 1994.

1) To discuss the report on AMP's United Kingdom operations for the year ended 31 December 1993.
2) To discuss the report on London Life's operations for the year ended 31 December 1993.
3) To note that Messrs D W Davies and I L Salmon will retire by rotation as at 1 July 1994 as members of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life, and have indicated to the Principal Board that they are prepared to be reappointed. (See note 5).

By order of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life.
C O B Meade-King
Secretary
15 March 1994
London Life
Head Office 100 Temple Street
Bristol BS1 6EA
AMP
Financial Adviser Unit
The Pearl Centre
Lynch Wood
Peterborough PE2 6FY

Notes
1) This meeting has been convened in accordance with the scheme sanctioned by the High Court under section 49 of the Insurance Companies Act 1982 on 21 February 1989.
2) Membership: Under AMP's By-laws all policyholders, including holders of policies issued by The London Life Association Limited, other than chargees, are members of AMP. Policies issued by any subsidiary of AMP, including those acquired by virtue of the London Life merger, do not confer membership. UK members comprise only persons who are members by virtue of the issue of:
a) a policy written by The London Life Association Limited or written by AMP under the London Life Fund;
b) other policies in the AMP No 1 Fund which are on the UK register.
Membership of AMP gives you rights under the By-laws of AMP. You may, for instance (unless you are a minor or someone other than the first named of joint holders) vote personally on a contested election of directors and personally or by proxy at general meetings of AMP.
3) UK members will be invited at the meeting to ask questions concerning the matters to be discussed, but no formal resolutions will be proposed or votes taken.
4) Copies of the report and accounts for AMP, a report on the London Life Fund and on AMP's United Kingdom operation for 1993 may be collected from the addresses stated above or will be forwarded upon application to the Secretary, 100 Temple Street, Bristol BS1 6EA.
5) Members of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life are appointed by AMP's Principal Board, which considers recommendations from the United Kingdom Board. On 1 July each year two members of the United Kingdom Board of AMP and London Life will retire by rotation.
6) Postal Voters' Roll: Members entitled to vote may place their name on the Postal Voters' Roll. On any contested election of directors to AMP's Principal Board or amendment to AMP's By-Laws, these members will be sent documentation enabling them to vote by post.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF PRODUCTION EXPERTS LIMITED
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 18 April 1994, I, Mervyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5NU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Dated this eighteenth day of April 1994

IN THE MATTER OF POSCO LTD
AND
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 12 April 1994, I, Mervyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5NU was duly appointed Liquidator of the Company.
M J Carter
Dated this thirteenth day of April 1994

No: 621 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
YAI KOK SUN
I, Jean Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, hereby give notice that I was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above-named Bankrupt on 17 November 1993. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them up to me and all debts due to the estate must be paid to me.
Any creditor who wishes to make a claim in these proceedings must send details to me.
J Y VENVIL
Trustee in Bankruptcy
14 April 1994

No: 9288 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
IN BANKRUPTCY
ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ
I, Jean Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, hereby give notice that I was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above-named Bankrupt on 8 March 1993. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the bankrupt must deliver them up to me and all debts due to the estate must be paid to me.
Any creditor who wishes to make a claim in these proceedings must send details to me.
J Y VENVIL
Trustee in Bankruptcy
14 April 1994

PRIME STUDDING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Travel House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1LG, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Friday 29th April 1994. Dated: 20.4.94. A H PRIME Director

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FINANCIAL NOTICES

ROBECO GROUP

ROBECO N.V.
(investment company with a variable capital)
Robeco N.V. announce a cash dividend of Fls 3.52 per ordinary share of Fls 10 (Fls 0.352 per sub share) for the financial year 1993.
BEARER SHARE WARRANTS WITH COUPONS ATTACHED
Coupon No 92 accompanied by the appropriate claim form should be presented to the Company's Paying Agents, National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London, E1 8BB, on business days between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Coupons must be submitted by personal presentation. Postal applications cannot be accepted.
The dividend will be payable at Fls 3.52 per share, less tax as appropriate, as from 29 April 1994, against surrender of Coupon No 92.
Coupons presented by, or on behalf of, shareholders who are subject to United Kingdom Income Tax will be subject to Netherlands Dividend Tax at the rate of 15% and United Kingdom Income Tax at the rate of 5% on the gross dividend. Forms 1092 GRB will not be required in respect of claims lodged within six months of the payment date. Coupons No 92 presented on or after 29 October 1994 must be accompanied by a completed Form 1092 GRB duly certified by the individual shareholder's Inspector of Taxes.
If the coupons presented are accompanied by the appropriate certified Forms 92 supplied by residents of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, The Federal Republic of Germany, Indonesia (reduction to 20% only), The Republic of Ireland, Israel, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden (reduction to 20% only), Sweden or the United States of America, Netherlands Dividend Tax amounting to 15% will be withheld. Forms 92 VS must be submitted in duplicate, signed by the applicant, but need not be authorised by the US Inspector of Taxes.
Residents of Switzerland can apply for a partial refund by submitting a Form R-NL 1 to Dutch Fiscal Authorities. This form can be obtained from the Eidgenössische Steuerverwaltung, Bern. Reduction to 15%.
Residents of Italy can have a full refund by submitting Form 92 IT, certified by their local Tax Inspector, to the Inspector of Corporation Tax, Wilson Street, 2-4, Amsterdam with the relevant dividend note.
In all other cases Netherlands Dividend Tax at 25% will be deducted from the Gross dividend. Exemption from United Kingdom Income Tax may be claimed by lodging the usual affidavit certifying non-residence in the United Kingdom.
SUB-SHARE CERTIFICATES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK (NOMINEES) LIMITED
United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should lodge the special claim form with the National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London, E1 8BB.
Payment of the dividend must be marked on the reverse side of the certificate in accordance with 'Marking Name' procedures.
Other claimants must also complete the special claim form and present this at the above address together with the relevant certificate(s) for marking by the National Westminster Bank PLC.
All claims must be submitted by personal presentation. Postal applications cannot be accepted.
Income Tax requirements will be as shown above for Bearer Share Warrants.
The Record Date is 21 April 1994.
Payment will be made by National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited on or after 29 April 1994 and will be subject to Marking Name commission.
CONVERSION OF DUTCH CURRENCY
The Dutch currency will be converted into sterling on 21 April 1994. A further announcement will be made shortly giving full sterling details of the dividend in respect of Fls 10 ordinary shares and Fls 1 sub-shares.
SHAREHOLDERS IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
Approved Agents in the Republic of Ireland may present coupons to the Company's Paying Agents there, Allied Irish Banks PLC, Registrar's and New Issues Department, Bankcentre, PO Box 954, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.
Claims on sub-share certificates registered in the name of Tie Minister and Leinster Bank Nominees Limited should be lodged with Allied Irish Banks PLC, Registrar's and New Issues Department, Bankcentre, PO Box 954, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.
22 April 1994

ROLINCO N.V.
(investment company with a variable capital)
Rolinco N.V. announce a cash dividend of Fls 2.48 per ordinary share of Fls 10 (Fls 0.248 per sub- share) for the financial year 1993.
BEARER SHARE WARRANTS WITH COUPONS ATTACHED
The Talons accompanied by the appropriate claim form should be presented to the Company's Paying Agents, National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London, E1 8BB, on business days between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Contrary to what is stated on the talon, it is not to be exchanged against new dividend coupons. Claims must be submitted by personal presentation. Postal applications cannot be accepted.
The dividend will be payable at Fls 2.48 per share, less tax as appropriate, as from 29 April 1994, against surrender of the talon.
Talons presented by, or on behalf of, shareholders who are subject to United Kingdom Income Tax will be subject to Netherlands Dividend Tax at the rate of 15% and United Kingdom Income Tax at the rate of 5% on the gross dividend. Forms 1092 GRB will not be required in respect of claims lodged within six months of the payment date. Talons presented on or after 29 October 1994 must be accompanied by a completed Form 1092-GRB duly certified by the individual shareholder's Inspector of Taxes.
If the talons presented are accompanied by the appropriate certified Forms 92 supplied by residents of Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, The Federal Republic of Germany, Indonesia (reduction to 20% only), The Republic of Ireland, Israel, Japan, Luxembourg, The Netherlands Antilles, New Zealand, Norway, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sweden (reduction to 20% only), Sweden or the United States of America, Netherlands Dividend Tax amounting to 15% will be withheld. Forms 92 VS must be submitted in duplicate, signed by the applicant, but need not be authorised by the US Inspector of Taxes.
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Exemption from United Kingdom Income Tax may be claimed by lodging the usual affidavit certifying non-residence in the United Kingdom.
EXCHANGE OF BEARER SHARE WARRANTS
Bearer Share Warrants (K-Certificates) accompanied by the appropriate Exchange Form should be handed in to the Company's Paying Agents, National Westminster Bank Plc, Stock Office Services, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB, as from 29 April 1994, on business days between the hours of 10.00 am and 2.00 pm, in order to obtain CF-Certificates or - upon special request - new K-Certificates. Exchange requests must be submitted by personal presentation. Postal applications cannot be accepted.
Certificates will be exchanged for new certificates for an equal number of shares, bearing different serial numbers. Denominations will be as large as possible.
New certificates will be available in denominations of 1; 5; 10; 100; 1000; 10,000 and 100,000 shares of Fls 10.00 each, for CF-Certificates as well as for K-Certificates. New K-Certificates will be supplied with dividend coupons, numbered from 93 up to and including 98, as well as a talon.
Holders of Certificates will not be charged commission, if they have their certificates replaced on or before 30 June 1994.
Exchange Forms and further information on the exchange can be obtained by telephoning National Westminster Bank Plc, Stock Office Services on (0293) 653261 or 653224.
SUB-SHARE CERTIFICATES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK (NOMINEES) LIMITED
United Kingdom Banks and Members of the Stock Exchange should lodge the special claim form with the National Westminster Bank PLC, Stock Office Services, Basement, Juno Court, 24 Prescot Street, London, E1 8BB.
Payment of the dividend must be marked on the reverse side of the certificate in accordance with 'Marking Name' procedures.
Other claimants must also complete the special claim form and present this at the above address together with the relevant certificate(s) for marking by the National Westminster Bank PLC.
All claims must be submitted by personal presentation. Postal applications cannot be accepted.
Income Tax requirements will be as shown above for Bearer Share Warrants.
The Record Date is 21 April 1994.
Payment will be made by National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited on or after 29 April 1994 and will be subject to Marking Name commission.
CONVERSION OF DUTCH CURRENCY
The Dutch currency will be converted into sterling on 21 April 1994. A further announcement will be made shortly giving full sterling details of the dividend in respect of Fls 10 ordinary shares and Fls 1 sub-shares.
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Approved Agents in the Republic of Ireland may present talons to the Company's Paying Agents there, Allied Irish Banks PLC, Registrar's and New Issues Department, Bankcentre, PO Box 954, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.
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22 April 1994

Lloyds move creates stir in banking sector

A SUDDEN revival in corporate activity succeded in distracting investors' attention, if only briefly, from persistent speculation about interest rates and the economy.

The £1.8 billion offer by **Lloyds Bank** for the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society set the mood for the day while at the same time creating a stir in the rest of the banking sector. Lloyds ended 44p higher at 581p. **TSB Group** was 4p better at 217p.

But **Abbey National** fell 19p to 445p after Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, pointed out the impact such a deal was likely to have on mortgage competition. Dealers said Abbey's problems had also been compounded by a badly handled selling order.

Losses were recorded in **Barclays**, 8p to 508p, **National Westminster**, 4p to 446p, and **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 5p to 396p. **HSBC** was down 23p at 723p. **Standard Chartered** fell 30p to £10.05, reflecting overnight losses on the Hong Kong stock market.

Investors also had to digest details of a series of proposed rights issues. **Eurotunnel** rallied 4p to 480p after outlining its refinancing package, which will be partly financed by a rights issue to be launched between May and June. The group wants to raise an extra £1.2 billion or more.

Babcock International is raising £78.6 million by way of a four-for-seven rights issue at 27p. The move coincides with the announcement of pre-tax losses of £41.2 million.

Albert Fisher fell 6p to 57p after announcing plans to ask shareholders for £51.2 million via a one-for-six rights at 52p.

It wants the money to fund the £40 million acquisition of Rahbek Group and the redemption of preference shares costing £46.9 million. Pre-tax profits during the first half rose from £22.8 million to £30.6 million.

The rest of the equity market opened on a cautious note after overnight losses on Wall Street. It also had to contend with the better than expected retail sales for March, which have effectively ruled out an early cut in interest rates.

But the equity market eventually followed the lead of the bond market and, with the help of an opening rise on Wall Street, ended the day in positive territory. The FT-SE 100 index closed just 2.9 up at 3,101.2. Turnover was a healthy 795 million shares.

Vodafone continued to rally, adding 11p to 511p, as competition fears began to recede. On Wednesday, NatWest Securities and Henderson Crosthwaite started recommending the shares. Yesterday, they were joined by Hoare Govett and Strauss Turnbull.

Rank Organisation eased 3p to 423p after a large line of stock went through the market. Warburg Securities bought a line of 6.5 million shares at 418p and sold it on to institutions at 421p.

Speculative buying again chased **Lasmo** 4p higher at 145p. The company has been giving presentations in New York, Boston and San Francisco after last week's announcement that it is raising £219 million via a rights issue. The nil-paid finished 4p higher at 41p.

Senior Engineering rose 6p to 134½p as the rump of its recent rights issue was placed. **Williams Holdings** jumped 9p to 394p, with Strauss Turnbull recommending clients to switch out of **TI Group**, up 4p at 418p. **Transport Development Group** fell 10p to 252p after it said brokers' profit forecasts were too high. A profit warning also left **Plysu**, the packaging specialist, 10p lower at 220p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Gilts saw an early lead wiped out by the retail sales figures.

But prices rallied on news of a further softening in French interest rates and another robust peformance from US bonds.

The Junes series of the long gilt closed £⅞ up at £106½ as 82,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 9 Per cent 2012 rose £23/32 to £110 19/32, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 eased a tick to £107⅛.

☐ NEW YORK: First-quarter earnings from IBM that were better than expected fuelled a stock market rally in early trading. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 19.03 points to 3,617.74.

MICHAEL CLARK



ANTHONY HARRIS

Mr In and Lord Out after the first full lap

April 21 was a significant day in the history of this column: at about lunch time, the Footsie 100 index returned to almost precisely the figure at which it stood on September 10 last year, which was the day on which we launched the second incarnation of Mr In and Lord Out. These are the investors invented an age ago by William Rees-Mogg: Mr In is a fashion follower, while the curmudgeonly Lord Out likes solid values and high yields, and dreams of recovery stocks. Each put £5,000 into each of six stocks; yesterday each could be judged purely on stock selection.

We have monitored them, and both have consistently beaten the Footsie, which is satisfying. This is not the same as beating the market, which is better measured by the all-share index; but since we restricted these portfolios to large companies, it is a fair test. But there is one fascinating change to report: while Mr In was consistently ahead as long as the market was up, by yesterday Lord Out has nosed in front. And it all happened in the last three demoralised days in London.

As recently as Monday, Mr In was 7.8 per cent up, nearly six clear points ahead of the Footsie; Lord Out was only 4.7 per cent up, less than half as good on the comparative scale. But during this week the In list has fallen some 4.3 per cent, more than twice as far as the Footsie. Lord Out, by contrast, has lost only 0.8 per cent, less than half the market fall. At the end of the first lap, then, Mr In is up 3.1 per cent, and Lord Out up 3.8 per cent.

The difference is too small and the time elapsed too short to offer any decisive verdict; but at least this week suggests the vulnerability of market favourites when the going gets tough, and the defensive value of low-rated stocks. This is gratifying as far as it goes, since that is the point of the exercise. But is it no more than an accident of this very rough and ready stock selection? Here are the two portfolios, with a few comments; you can judge for yourself.

First, the winner. Lord Out bought the following:

Stock	Price at 1pm	Change to date
Tesco	208	-5.9%
Tate & Lyle	424	+15.8%
Hanson	260	+5.2%
BAT	438	-2.2%
Br Gas	303	-8.2%
Williams Hdgs	391	+17.7%

Three winners, two of them big; three losers. Second thoughts? Tesco, perhaps, because we probably attached too little importance to the impending prices wars. The market may now be attaching too much; but this is probably not a stock we would pick now. (We will soon be overhauling the lists). But for the rest, we are sticking to Lord Out's guns. BAT seems to us unduly overshadowed by US insurance losses, which should not come through to the bottom line; and British Gas by regulatory shock. Gas, which has an absurdly high yield for such a solid prospect, seems to us to get too little credit for its promising overseas ventures.

And now for Mr In. His list comprised:

Stock	Price at 1pm	Change to date
Land Secs	655	-1.1%
SG Warburg	680	-13.4%
Next	231	+16/8%
Wimpey	198	+7.6%
C&W	452	+6.1%
HSBC	723	+2.5%

Here we have one big winner, and one big loser. Perversely, perhaps, we might possibly sell the winner, but would stick to the loser. Some analysts have begun to doubt whether Next can sustain its remarkable competitive edge. Certainly it has done well for Mr In, and some of the fun may be over; but on the basic philosophy of sticking to winners, we will probably hang on. Warburg, by contrast, seems a more attractive buy now than it did last autumn. As a relatively risk-averse bank, it has missed some of the swollen own-account profits which have made so many traders rich this year; but in a bear market, that is a strength, not a weakness. It remains a quality outfit. It would be nice to make both lists longer; but space in this column argues against it. We will probably compromise come revision time, but only by re-investing: the interest of the exercise is to see what happens to an unchanged starting stake. Watch this space, but not too eagerly.

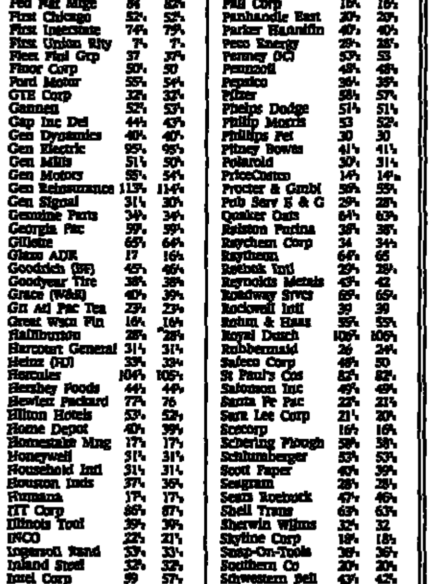
Surprise £51m issue chills Albert Fisher

BY CARL MORTISHED

SHARES in Albert Fisher, the food distributor and processor, fell yesterday as the company launched a £51 million rights issue to help fund the purchase of Rahbek Group, a Danish seafood processor, owned by Foodmark.

The surprise cash call, at 52p a share, received a chilly reception from brokers who marked down Albert Fisher shares from 63p to 57p. One analysts said: "They are issuing shares on a 9 per cent yield. I would not use equity on that basis."

The company is paying 400 million krone (£40 million) for four businesses: factories in Denmark producing frozen fish fingers and fillets, a British business supplying chilled seafood recipes for Marks and Spencer and Macfish, also an M&S supplier. Stephen Walls, Fisher's chairman, said the Rahbek deal was the final building block of the group's strategy. The combined businesses had sales of £119 million in 1993 but operating profits of £3.6 million were depressed by a strike of Danish fishermen and rationalisation in Denmark and the UK.



Walls: shares suffered

Mr Walls said: "These sorts of businesses should be earning from 6 to 7 per cent on sales. We have the opportunity of putting much more volume through the Danish factories." The company is issuing 101 million shares on a one-for-six basis and will be assuming £19 million of Rahbek's borrowings on completion.

Albert Fisher's own seafood business suffered a 22 per cent profits fall in the half-year to February. Group operating profits of £24 million were unchanged, but a £10 million exceptional gain from disposals boosted the pre-tax outcome from £22.8 million to £30.6 million. The company is redeeming its 5⅞ per cent convertible preference shares at a cost of £47 million. There is a maintained 1.85p interim.

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MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4970 (+0.0109)
German mark .... 2.5265 (+0.0092)
Exchange index .... 80.5 (+0.4)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3101.2 (+2.9)
Dow Jones .... 3617.74 (+19.03)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19799.36 (-82.82)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5⅛-5¼%
US Federal Funds .... 3¹¹⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.75-3.74%*
Long Bond 7.26%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4945*	£:$	1.4957
$:DM	1.6893*	£:DM	2.5273
$:SWfr	1.4343*	£:SWfr	2.1450
$:Ffr	5.7950*	£:Ffr	8.6640
$:Yen	103.65*	£:Yen	154.97
£:SDR	1.0559	£:ECU	1.3055

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 373.75 .... PM 373.30
Close 373.00-373.50
New York:
Comex 372.45-372.85*

OIL

Brent Crude .... $15.15 per bbl (Jun)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI, 142.5 Mar (2.3%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.23	2.03
Austria Sch	18.70	17.20
Belgium Fr	55.04	50.84
Canada $	2.168	2.008
Cyprus Cyp£	0.790	0.740
Denmark Kr	10.49	9.69
Finland Mkk	8.84	8.04
France Fr	9.09	8.39
Germany Dm	2.67	2.46
Greece Dr	387.00	362.00
Hong Kong $	12.19	11.19
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.00
Italy Lira	2505.00	2350.00
Japan Yen	168.50	151.50
Malta	0.634	0.579
Netherlds Gld	2.980	2.750
Norway Kr	11.52	10.72
Portugal Esc	268.00	249.50
S Africa Rd	8.00	5.10
Spain Pta	213.00	199.00
Sweden Kr	12.33	11.53
Switzerland Fr	2.27	2.09
Turkey Lira	0	42946.0
USA $	1.581	1.461

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust High Inc (100)	101	...
Applied Distbn (135)	134	...
Baronsmead Inv (100)	84	-1
Capital Shop C'tre	224	+½
Chester Water	£82½	-2
Coal Inv Wts	23	+3
Dominion Energy	11	...
Edinburgh Inca	47	...
F & C Inc Growth Inv Tst	494	...
Fiscal Props (78)	76	...
Gartmore Brit Inc	104	...
Gartmore Brit Uts	212	...
Groupe Chez Grd (110)	114	...
House of Fraser (180)	181	...
Inspec (160)	203	+1
MAID (110)	65	-6
Morgan G Lat Amer (100)	91	-1
Newport (100)	101	...
Nottingham (155)	155	+1
Partco (200)	230	+2
Persona (160)	177	+5
Piper Euro Smaller (100)	95	...
Piper Euro Wts	34	...
Robert Wiseman (100)	101	+1
Rugby Estates (115)	116	...
Schroder UK Gwth	97	-3
Schroder UK Wts	38	...
St James Beach Htls (120)	131	...
Trafficmaster (130)	190	...
Unipalm (100)	138	...
Wainhomes (170)	159	...
Wellington (205)	220	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Brit Bio-Tech Uts n/p (£16)	318	-20
CALA n/p (116)	3	...
Dale Electric n/p (55)	7	+2
Era n/p (9)	¼	...
Guinness Peat n/p (25)	9½	...
Holliday Chem n/p (180)	27	+2
IAF n/p (33)	5	-1
LASMO n/p (105)	41	+4
McCarthy & Stone n/p (58)	5	...
Misys n/p (425)	59½	+5½
Mowlem n/p (100)	5	+½
Olives Prop n/p (40)	3	...
Shandwick n/p (45)	3½	...
Simon Eng n/p (100)	17	+1½
Try Group n/p (23)	3	...

RISES AND FALLS

RISES:

Lloyds	585p (+48p)
Hogg Group	234p (+10p)
Lloyds Abbey	405p (+21p)
Wm Jacks	58p (+12p)
Dorling Kind	296p (+16p)
David Smith	565p (+12p)
Helical Bar	348p (+17p)
Parkland	245p (+14p)
Yorklyde	270p (+31p)
BAA	985p (+10p)
Austin Reed	199½p (+22½p)
Kingfisher	604p (+10p)
Vodafone	512p (+12p)

FALLS:

Abbey National	446½p (-17½p)
Hambros	348p (-17p)
Kleinwort Benson	448p (-17p)
A McAlpine	253p (-10p)
RMC Group	967p (-10p)
Paterson Zoch	538p (-15p)
Compass Group	333p (-14p)
TDG	252p (-10p)

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US STOCKS

	Apr 21 midday	Apr 20 close
AMF Inc	57	58
AMR Corp	55	54
Abbott Labs	27	27
Aetna Life	52	51
Ahmanson (HF)	18	18
Air Prod & Chem	43	43
Albertson's	29	29
Alcan Aluminum	20	20
Alco Standard	50	50
Allied Signal	34	34
Alum Co of Am	67	66
Amax Gold Inc	7	6
Amerada Hess	47	47
Amer Brands	32	32
Amer Cyanamid	48	48
Amer El Power	32	31
Amer Express	29	29
Amer Genl Corp	27	27
Amer Home Pr	58	58
Amer Intl	86	87
Amer Stores	51	51
Amer T & T	52	52
Ameritech	41	41
Amoco	54	55
Anheuser-Busch	54	54
Apple Computer	28	28
Archer Daniels	23	22
Arkla	6	6
Armco	4	4
Armstrong Wrld	52	52
Asarco	22	21
Ashland Oil	41	42
Atl Richfield	96	97
Auto Data Pro	49	49
Avery Dennison	28	28
Avon Products	59	58
Baker Hughes	17	17
Baltim Gas & El	24	23
Banc One	33	33
BankAmerica	44	43
Bank of NY	54	55
Bankers Tr NY	68	69
Barnett Banks	45	46
Bausch & Lomb	44	45
Baxter Intl	22	22
Becton Dickson	36	36
Bell Atlantic	54	53
BellSouth	62	61
Black & Decker	18	19
Block (H&R)	43	42
Boeing	43	44
Boise Cascade	22	22
Borden Inc	12	12
Bristol Myrs Sq	52	52
Browning Ferris	28	27
Brunswick	20	20
Burlington Nthn	53	52
CBS	275	276
CNA Financial	64	64
CPC Intl	48	47
CSX	76	79
Campbell Soup	40	39
Can Pacific	15	15
Cptl Cities ABC	669	673
Cptl Holdings	30	30
Carolina Pwr	26	26
Caterpillar	104	103
Central & SW	25	25
Champion Intl	29	29
Chase Manhat	34	33
Chemical Bk	36	36
Chevron Corp	90	90
Chrysler	47	46
Chubb Corp	78	79
Cigna Corp	60	61
Citicorp	36	37
Clorox	48	48
Coastal Corp	31	31
Coca Cola	40	39
Colgate-Palmolive	57	57
Columbia Gas	27	28
Commonw Ed	25	24
Compaq Comp	104	101
Comp Ass Intl	28	27
Conagra	29	29
Cons Edison	30	30
Cons Nat Gas	38	38
Cons Rail	54	54
Cooper Inds	36	36
Corning Inc	30	30
Crown Cork	36	36
Dana Corp	57	53
Dayton Hudson	74	73
Deere	76	75
Delta Air Lines	40	40
Deluxe Corp	28	27
Detroit Edison	26	26
Digital Equip	19	19
Dillard Dept St	33	32
Disney (Walt)	41	40
Dominion Res	42	41
Donnelley (RR)	27	27
Dover Corp	56	57
Dow Chemical	59	60
Dow Jones	39	38
Dresser	21	20
Duke Power	36	36
Dun & Bradstreet	57	57
Du Pont	54	56
Eastman Kodak	41	41
Eaton Corp	50	50
Emerson Elec	56	55
Engelhard Corp	25	25
Enron Corp	30	29
Entergy	32	32
Ethyl Corp	11	11
Exxon	62	63
FMC Corp	46	45
FPL Group	35	34
Federal Express	71	71
Fed Nat Mtge	84	82
First Chicago	52	52
First Interstate	74	75
First Union Rlty	7	7
Fleet Finl Grp	37	37
Fluor Corp	50	50
Ford Motor	55	54
GTE Corp	32	32
Gannett	52	53
Gap Inc Del	44	43
Gen Dynamics	40	40
Gen Electric	95	95
Gen Mills	51	50
Gen Motors	55	54
Gen Reinsurance	113	114
Gen Signal	31	30
Genuine Parts	34	34
Georgia Pac	59	59
Gillette	65	64
Glaxo ADR	17	16
Goodrich (BF)	45	46
Goodyear Tire	38	38
Grace (W&R)	40	39
Gt Atl Pac Tea	23	23
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	28	28
Harcourt General	31	31
Heinz (HJ)	33	33
Hercules	104	105
Hershey Foods	44	44
Hewlett Packard	77	76
Hilton Hotels	53	52
Home Depot	40	39
Homestake Mng	17	17
Honeywell	31	31
Household Intl	31	31
Houston Inds	37	36
Humana	17	17
ITT Corp	86	87
Illinois Tool	39	39
INCO	22	21
Ingersoll Rand	33	33
Inland Steel	32	32
Intel Corp	59	57
IBM	57	52
Intl Flav & Fr	37	37
Intl Paper	61	61
James River Va	17	16
Jnsn & Jhnsn	40	40
Kellogg	51	49
Kerr-McGee	45	45
Kimberly-Clark	52	51
Kmart	18	18
Knight-Ridder	57	58
Lilly (Eli)	48	48
Limited Inc	18	18
LIN Brdcstng	104	104
Lincoln Nat	38	38
Litton	29	29
Liz Claiborne	24	24
Lockheed Corp	61	61
Louisiana Pac	32	31
MCI Commun	23	24
Marriott Int	25	24
Marsh & McLnn	85	83
Masco Corp	27	27
May Dept St	41	40
Maytag Corp	16	16
McCaw Cellular	49	48
McDonalds	57	56
McDonnell D	113	113
McGraw Hill	64	64
Mead Corp	40	39
Medtronic	72	72
Mellon Bk	57	58
Melville Corp	39	39
Merck Inc	30	29
Merrill Lynch	35	34
Minnesota Mine	48	48
Mobil Corp	76	76
Monsanto	76	76
Morgan (JP)	61	62
Motorola Inc	45	43
Natl Medical	16	15
Natl Semi	19	18
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	19	19
NBD Bancorp	28	28
NY Times A	25	25
Newmont Mng	48	47
Niag Mohawk	18	18
Nike B	54	53
NL Industries	6	6
Nordstrom	38	37
Norfolk Sthrn	60	60
Nthn States Pwr	42	42
Norwest Corp	26	26
Nynex Corp	36	35
Occidental Pet	16	17
Ohio Edison	18	18
Oracle Systems	28	28
Oryx Energy Co	16	16
Owens Corning	33	33
PNC Financial	28	29
PPG Industries	71	70
Paccar Inc	51	51
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	21	22
Pac Gas & Elect	29	29
Pac Telesis	32	32
Pall Corp	16	16
Panhandle East	20	20
Parker Hannifin	40	40
Peco Energy	28	28
Penney (JC)	53	53
Pennzoil	48	48
Pepsico	36	35
Pfizer	58	57
Phelps Dodge	51	51
Philip Morris	53	52
Phillips Pet	30	30
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	30	31
PriceCostco	14	14
Procter & Gmbl	56	55
Pub Serv E & G	29	28
Quaker Oats	64	63
Ralston Purina	38	38
Raychem Corp	34	34
Raytheon	64	65
Reebok Intl	29	28
Reynolds Metals	43	42
Roadway Srvcs	65	65
Rockwell Intl	39	39
Rohm & Haas	55	55
Royal Dutch	106	106
Rubbermaid	26	24
Safeco Corp	48	50
St Paul's Cos	82	82
Salomon Inc	49	49
Santa Fe Pac	22	21
Sara Lee Corp	21	20
Scecorp	16	16
Schering Plough	58	58
Schlumberger	53	53
Scott Paper	40	39
Seagram	28	28
Sears Roebuck	47	46
Shell Trans	63	63
Sherwin Wllms	32	32
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	36	36
Southern Co	20	20
Sthwestern Bell	43	42
Sprint Corp	37	36
Stanley Works	39	39
Sun Company	32	32
Sun Microsys	22	21
Suntrust	46	46
Supervalu	31	31
Syntex Corp	12	13
Sysco Corp	25	24
TRW Inc	65	64
Tandem Comp	12	12
Tandy Corp	31	31
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	14	15
Temple Inland	46	45
Tenneco	50	49
Texaco	63	63
Texas Inst	68	64
Texas Utilities	37	37
Textron	52	52
Time Warner	35	35
Times-Mirror	30	30
Timken	33	33
Torchmark	38	37
Toys R Us	33	33
Transamerica	49	49
Travelers	34	34
Tribune	60	60
Tyco Labs	45	46
UAL Corp	124	123
UST Inc	29	29
USX Marathon	17	16
Unilever NV	107	107
Union Camp	43	42
Union Carbide	23	24
Union Pacific	57	56
Unisys Corp	13	13
USAIR Group	6	6
USF&G Corp	12	12
US Life	38	38
US West	43	42
United Tech	62	62
Unocal Corp	26	26
Upjohn	26	26
VF Corp	50	51
WMX Tech	25	25
Wal-Mart Stores	25	24
Warner-Lambert	65	65
Wells Fargo	143	142
Westinghouse El	11	11
Weyerhaeuser	39	39
Whirlpool	55	53
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	48	48
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	49	48
Xerox	96	95

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	7,500	Caradon	2,100	Lloyds Bk	24,000	Sears	7,100
Abbey Natl	11,000	Carlton Cms	378	MEPC	337	Svrn Trent	807
Alld-Lyons	1,600	Coats Vyla	896	Marks Spr	3,700	Shell Trans	6,700
Argyll Gp	3,900	Cm Union	2,200	NFC	1,000	Siebe	1,500
Arjo Wiggn	3,400	Courtaulds	274	NatWst Bk	9,900	SmKl Bch	1,900
AB Foods	370	De La Rue	574	Nat Power	2,100	Smith Nph	5,100
BAA	1,300	Eastern Elec	504	Nth Wst W	426	Southern Elec	322
BAT Inds	2,700	Enterpr Oil	1,700	P & O	1,700	Std Chartd	3,400
BOC	477	Forte	1,300	Pearson	1,400	Sun Allnce	1,500
BP	14,000	GRE	366	PowerGen	1,200	TI Gp	1,000
BTR	5,100	GUS	769	Prudential	3,500	TSB	4,000
BT	7,600	Gen Acc	1,300	RMC	515	Tarmac	1,500
Bk of Scot	697	Gen Elec	4,300	RTZ	2,500	Tesco	10,000
Barclays	6,700	Glaxo	3,300	Rank Org	14,000	Thames W	777
Bass	912	Granada	791	Reckitt Col	305	Thrn EMI	987
Blue Circle	2,200	Grand Met	2,900	Redland	774	Tomkins	3,000
Boots	1,900	Guinness	1,600	Reed Intl	674	Unilever	658
Bowater	1,200	HSBC	3,000	Rentokil	2,300	Utd Bisc	277
Brit Aero	537	Hanson	4,800	Reuters	5,600	Vodafone	4,300
Brit Airwys	6,600	ICI	3,200	Rolls Royce	6,400	Warburg (SG)	955
Brit Gas	7,200	Inchcape	1,000	Ryl Ins	2,000	Wellcome	1,600
Brit Steel	6,400	Kingfisher	2,800	Ryl Bk Scot	1,800	Whitbread	906
Burmah Cast	459	Ladbroke	1,000	Sainsbury	2,700	Wllms Hld	1,800
Cable Wire	6,100	Land Secs	2,300	Scot & New	506	Wolseley	337
Cadbury	1,500	Legal & Gn	1,600	Scot Power	1,500	Zeneca	1,500

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3617.74 (+19.03)
S&P Composite .... 445.77 (+3.81)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19799.36 (-82.82)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 8934.59 (-286.42)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 415.41 (+0.57)

Sydney: AO .... 2029.6 (-17.0)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2196.97 (+14.33)

FT 30 share: .... 2470.4 (+6.5)

Brussels:
General .... 7496.74 (+1.05)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2093.61 (-9.10)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 687.70 (-8.80)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1571.02 (+1.07)
FT Non Financials .... 1700.00 (+2.64)
FT Gold Mines .... 194.3 (-0.1)
FT Fixed Interest .... 115.10 (-0.31)
FT Govt Secs .... 95.96 (+0.29)
Bargains 28169
SEAQ Volume 795.7m
USM (Datastrm) .... 160.15 (-0.05)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 18	April 29	July 28	August 8

Calls 21/4/94: Alliance Res, Aminex, Caldwell, Caverdale, Com-Tek, CRP Leisure, Govett, Johnson Fry, MAID, Mid States, Minmet, NSM, Ovoca Res, Ransomes Prf, Ricardo, Royal Bank of Scotland, Serif, SG Warburg, Utd Energy. Puts: Aminex, Caldwell, Caverdale, Govett, Minmet, NSM, Ricardo, Serif. Puts & Calls: HSBC, Tullow Oil.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Jun 94	3106.0	3118.0	3083.0	3115.0	14468
Previous open interest: 53830	Sep 94				3133.5	0
Three Month Sterling	Jun 94	94.65	94.66	94.55	94.59	24167
Previous open interest: 455399	Sep 94	94.38	94.39	94.23	94.30	25441
	Dec 94	93.92	93.92	93.74	93.85	27628
Three Mth Eurodollar	Jun 94	95.33	95.33	95.33	95.34	10
Previous open interest: 9911	Sep 94	94.70	94.70	94.70	94.70	225
Three Mth Euro DM	Jun 94	94.70	94.73	94.70	94.72	31492
Previous open interest: 982972	Sep 94	94.89	94.91	94.87	94.88	29120
Long Gilt	Jun 94	105-26	106-24	105-10	106-16	112666
Previous open interest: 142511	Sep 94	105-19	0			
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 94	112.00	112.19	111.97	112.05	3015
	Sep 94	110.99	111.11	110.99	111.00	67
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 94	94.47	94.74	94.20	94.60	207544
Previous open interest: 211057	Sep 94	94.29	94.45	93.95	94.29	1049
German Gov Bd Bobl	Jun 94				99.87	0
Previous open interest: 2153	Sep 94	0				
Three month ECU	Jun 94	94.13	94.14	94.12	94.14	709
Previous open interest: 32822	Sep 94	94.28	94.28	94.24	94.27	478
Euro Swiss Franc	Jun 94	96.10	96.10	96.04	96.08	3298
Previous open interest: 41632	Sep 94	96.06	96.07	95.98	96.05	1723
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 94	110.90	111.69	110.11	111.51	70881
Previous open interest: 85699	Sep 94	110.20	110.80	109.82	111.03	321

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.5 (day's range 80.2-80.5).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for April 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8297-2.8416	2.8381-2.8416	⅛pr-⅛ds	⅛pr-⅛ds
Brussels	51.81-52.07	51.97-52.07	1-5ds	4-12ds
Copenhagen	9.8770-9.9340	9.9190-9.9340	⅜-1⅜ds	1⅞-3⅞ds
Dublin	1.0296-1.0356	1.0318-1.0348	6-9ds	22-27ds
Frankfurt	2.5178-2.5289	2.5256-2.5289	par-⅛ds	⅛-⅛ds
Lisbon	256.94-258.62	257.97-258.62	140-175ds	350-425ds
Madrid	205.44-206.00	205.61-205.91	47-56ds	138-154ds
Milan	2411.80-2424.40	2419.30-2423.40	5-6ds	15-17ds
Montreal	2.0562-2.0689	2.0633-2.0663	0.07-0.13ds	0.22-0.32ds
New York	1.4920-1.4964	1.4952-1.4962	0.16-0.15pr	0.38-0.35pr
Oslo	10.9280-10.9900	10.9740-10.9900	⅜-⅞ds	⅛-1⅜ds
Paris	8.6380-8.6710	8.6570-8.6710	⅛-⅜ds	1½-2ds
Stockholm	11.7710-11.8370	11.8000-11.8240	1⅝-3ds	5⅜-7⅜ds
Tokyo	153.10-155.10	154.84-155.10	⅛-⅞pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.7100-17.7900	17.7600-17.7900	⅛-⅜ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Zurich	2.1347-2.1465	2.1435-2.1465	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4919-1.4944
Australia dollar	2.0920-2.0966
Bahrain dinar	0.5565-0.5685
Brazil cruzeiro*	1471.93-1474.13
Cyprus pound	0.748-0.758
Finland markka	8.122-8.238
Greece drachma	366.25-373.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.5336-11.5429
India rupee	46.37-47.33
Kuwait dinar KD	0.439-0.449
Malaysia ringgit	4.0111-4.0169
Mexico peso	4.93-5.03
New Zealand dollar	2.6279-2.6346
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5345-5.6605
Singapore dollar	2.3272-2.3304
S Africa rand (fin)	7.3056-7.4003
S Africa rand (com)	5.3739-5.4850
U A E dirham	5.4205-5.5445

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4015-1.4035
Austria	11.90-11.91
Belgium (Com)	34.77-34.81
Canada	1.382-1.383
Denmark	6.634-6.639
France	5.790-5.795
Germany	1.6884-1.6894
Hong Kong	7.7262-7.7272
Ireland	1.446-1.449
Italy	1619.0-1620.5
Japan	103.36-103.46
Malaysia	2.687-2.689
Netherlands	1.898-1.899
Norway	7.340-7.345
Portugal	172.6-172.9
Singapore	1.559-1.560
Spain	137.66-137.76
Sweden	7.8925-7.9025
Switzerland	1.4336-1.4346

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5¼
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7¼ Low 5 Week fixed: 4⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞ ; 3 mth 5 . Sell: 2 mth 4⅞ ; 3 mth: 4⅞ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5-4⅞	5-4⅞	5-4⅞	5⅛-5⅛	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅞-5⅞
Interbank:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅞-5⅞

Overnight: open 5¼, close 6 .

Local Authority Deps:	5¼		5⅛	5⅛	5¼
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞
Dollar CDs:	3.85	n/a	4.17	4.53	5.23
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅞-5⅞

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Mar 31, 1994 Agreed rates Apr 26, 1994 to May 24, 1994 Schemes III: 6.47%. Reference rate Mar 1, 1994 to Mar 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.214%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅞-3⅞	3⅞-3⅞	4⅛-4	4⅞-4⅞	4-3⅞
Deutschemark:	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	5⅛-5⅛	6-5
French Franc:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	6-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞	4⅛-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Bank of NSW)

Bullion: Open $373.60-374.00 Close: $373.00-373.50 High: $373.60-374.10
Low: $372.40-372.90 Krugerrand: $372.50-375.50 (£248.50-250.50)
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-89.00 (£58.00-60.00) New $87.00-89.00 (£58.00-60.00)
Platinum: $389.25 (£260.55) Silver: $5.27 (£3.515) Palladium: $134.00 (£89.70)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyon	540	53	61	—	13	19	—
(*555)	580	22	31	—	36	43	—
Argyll	220	19	24	27	13	18	22
(*230)	240	9	15	18	25	30	34
ASDA	50	8	9	11	2	4	5
(*55)	60	3	4	6	7	10	11
Boots	500	42	50	57	13	20	26
(*528)	550	14	25	33	41	47	51
Br Airways	390	32	41	46	17	25	28
(*407)	420	17	25	32	34	39	44
BP	360	31	39	45	13	17	21
(*375)	390	16	24	30	27	32	36
Br Steel	140	16	21	24	7	11	13
(*149)	160	7	11	15	19	22	24
C & W	450	29	—	—	25	—	—
(*454)	475	17	—	—	39	—	—
CU	550	56	61	68	9	18	22
(*597)	600	25	32	41	30	42	46
ICI	800	47	60	73	31	47	55
(*808)	850	24	36	51	60	75	84
Kingfisher	600	32	46	57	32	44	51
(*604)	650	15	26	37	68	75	81
Land Sec	650	27	37	45	33	37	44
(*659)	700	8	18	25	69	72	76
M & S	420	21	30	36	17	20	24
(*427)	460	7	13	19	44	46	48
Nat West	420	46	51	58	11	19	21
(*446)	460	24	30	35	30	37	41
Sainsbury	330	31	40	47	14	20	25
(*351)	360	15	26	32	30	39	41
Shell	700	37	49	58	19	32	36
(*720)	750	15	26	34	48	59	65
Smkl Bch	360	20	40	47	16	24	29
(*373)	390	16	27	33	33	40	46
Storehse	200	24	29	33	6	8	11
(*217)	220	12	18	22	15	18	21
Trafalgar	97	12	—	—	9	—	—
(*103)	108	8	—	—	14	—	—
Unilever	1050	54	75	89	30	39	47
(*1057)	1100	29	50	63	59	69	73
Zeneca	650	56	68	77	16	28	34
(*682)	700	28	41	50	38	53	58
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	420	36	47	56	2	11	17
(*451)	460	9	23	33	16	29	35
Ladbroke	180	10	19	25	5	10	17
(*185)	200	3	10	16	17	22	29
Utd Bisc	330	13	29	37	7	13	21
(*337)	360	3	14	23	28	31	38

Series		Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
BAA	950	63	85	98	25	35	49
(*985)	1000	35	55	71	51	64	72
Thames W	460	36	41	44	16	24	30
(*486)	500	14	20	25	40	46	53
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	420	24	39	50	5	15	23
(*438)	460	6	19	30	26	35	46
BTR	360	32	42	49	2	8	15
(*388)	390	10	24	32	11	20	28
Br Aero	460	23	52	65	16	37	49
(*466)	500	7	33	48	42	59	72
Br Telcm	360	25	34	40	1	11	15
(*382)	390	5	16	24	12	27	31
Cadbury	453	17	—	—	4	—	—
(*465)	493	3	—	—	31	—	—
Guinness	460	16	33	46	8	19	31
(*465)	500	3	15	25	37	44	54
GEC	300	19	25	29	2	11	15
(*314)	330	3	9	15	19	29	33
Hanson	260	7	14	19	6	13	17
(*260)	280	2	6	11	22	26	30
LASMO	134	21	26	30	4	10	14
(*145)	154	8	16	20	13	20	25
Lucas	200	18	26	31	2	8	14
(*214)	220	5	15	20	11	17	24
Pilkingtn	200	9	18	27	5	13	17
(*201)	220	2	9	18	19	25	29
Prudential	300	27	35	41	2	6	12
(*324)	330	6	17	24	11	19	26
Redland	500	42	58	69	3	14	24
(*536)	550	10	25	41	23	34	49
Royal Ins	260	13	28	33	8	17	27
(*263)	280	5	17	24	21	28	34
Tesco	200	10	17	22	5	12	16
(*208)	220	2	8	14	20	24	28
Vodafone	500	23	42	57	10	27	36
(*511)	550	4	19	35	43	57	66
Williams	390	9	22	29	12	21	28
(*394)	420	2	10	16	37	41	47

FT-SE INDEX (*3102)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
May	139	101	69	44	26	15
Jun	158	123	95	70	49	35
Jul	178	145	117	91	71	53
Aug	201	169	138	113	92	72
Dec	264	—	204	—	154	—
Puts						
May	23	35	54	80	113	152
Jun	44	59	81	106	136	172
Jul	59	76	98	122	152	185
Aug	77	95	115	139	168	198
Dec	129	—	167	—	216	—

Series		Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Abby Nat	420	38	50	57	7	16	21
(*447)	460	15	28	36	23	35	39
Amstrad	30	5	7	8	2	3	4
(*33)	35	2	4	5	4	6	7
Barclays	500	26	42	52	15	29	36
(*509)	550	7	21	30	48	59	66
Blue Circ	300	27	38	42	5	15	20
(*325)	330	9	21	27	21	32	35
Br Gas	300	12	18	22	14	19	25
(*303)	330	3	8	11	38	39	46
Dixons	180	25	29	33	3	11	13
(*198)	200	12	17	22	11	20	23
Forte	220	21	29	30	5	11	14
(*237)	240	9	18	19	15	21	25
Hillsdwn	160	14	18	22	5	10	11
(*172)	180	4	9	13	18	22	22
Lonrho	140	15	21	25	8	15	18
(*144)	160	5	13	17	20	27	30
Sears	120	9	13	15	4	6	8
(*126)	130	5	8	11	9	12	14
Thm Eml	1100	63	87	108	25	57	69
(*1129)	1150	35	60	79	50	85	96
Tomkins	240	14	21	25	9	16	18
(*244)	260	5	12	16	22	29	31
TSB	200	24	30	33	3	9	12
(*217)	220	11	18	23	11	19	22
Wellcome	500	32	53	63	22	36	46
(*507)	550	12	30	42	53	66	74
Series		Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Glaxo	550	52	64	72	24	44	50
(*569)	600	28	41	49	52	72	78
HSBC	700	71	92	111	36	55	66
(*723)	750	46	70	88	63	80	91
Reuter	4875	36	49	—	21	27	—
(*497.5)	5000	29	42	51	27	33	37
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
R-Royce	180	18	25	30	2	8	12
(*194)	200	5	14	18	9	17	23
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Fisons	140	14	22	26	8	14	18
(*145)	160	6	13	17	21	26	31
Series		May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastn Elc	600	30	51	62	4	22	33
(*629)	650	3	24	37	27	50	60
Series		Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Nat Pwr	420	32	40	49	11	19	25
(*442)	460	9	21	29	33	41	46
Scot Pwr	360	21	30	36	12	23	27
(*366)	390	8	16	23	30	42	45

April 21, 1994 Tot: 51985 Calls: 20747 Puts: 29238 FT-SE Calls: 7344 Puts: 5912
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: LCE coffee hit five year highs in morning trade on follow-through buying from Wednesday's rally, although the New York market was less bullish. There was little fundamental news to drive prices, especially with the Brazillian market closed for the day. Cocoa trade was dull as prices held just above support levels, pressured by further fund selling.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

May	853-852	Jul	962-960
Jul	872-871	Sep	974-972
Sep	892-891	Dec	992-988
Dec	915-913	Mar	1010-995
Mar	938-937		
May	949-948	Volume:	11327

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

May	1586-1580	Jan	1447-1445
Jul	1494-1493	Mar	1440-1430
Sep	1469-1468	May	1430-1420
Nov	1459-1458	Volume:	9569

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR ($.00pm)

		Jan	unq
Spot: 266.80		Mar	—
May	unq	May	—
Jul	11.30 BID	Jul	—
Sep	unq	Volume:	107

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	299.7-99.5
Spot: 322.5		May	300.5-99.5
Aug	321.2-20.5	Aug	304.5-03.3
Oct	305.7-05.5	Oct	295.0-93.0
Dec	301.6-01.1	Volume:	887

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on April 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	78.01	141.29	127.04
(+/-)	-3.44	+0.77	-1.60
Eng/Wales:	78.23	142.96	126.51
(+/-)	+3.66	+1.28	-2.00
(%)	-54.2	-34.0	-13.3
Scotland:	77.41	129.39	130.82
(+/-)	-3.76	-3.67	+1.56
(%)	n/a	-40.6	-43.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—		Volume:	0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

May	115.00
Jun	115.20
Sep	95.10
Nov	95.90
Jan	97.85
Volume:	553

BARLEY (close £/t)

May	109.15
Sep	95.50
Nov	97.15
Jan	98.90
Mar	100.00
Volume:	8

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	—
Dec	—
Feb	—
Apr	—
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
May	259.5	265.0
Nov	unq	100.0
Apr	137.0	141.8
	Volume:	137

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
May 70.00-70.50

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Crude oil prices rallied on news that some Nigerian production had been halted because of local riots.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.60	+0.40
Brent 15 day (May)	15.45	+0.35
Brent 15 day (Jun)	15.15	+0.30
W Texas Intermediate (May)	16.50	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Jun)	16.35	+0.25

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	169 (n/c)	171 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	148 (n/c)	152 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H May	150 (n/c)	152 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Jun	149 (n/c)	151 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	74 (+2)	76 (+4)
Naphtha	143 (n/c)	145 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

May	149.50-49.75	Aug	149.25-49.50
Jun	147.75-48.00	Sep	150.50-50.75
Jul	147.75-48.00	Oct	152.75-53.00
		Vol:	9659

BRENT (6.00pm)

Jun	15.14-15.16	Sep	14.96-15.00
Jul	15.04 SLR	Oct	15.04 SLR
Aug	unq	Vol:	22586

UNLEADED GASOLINE

May	159.00-63.75	Aug	unq
Jun	unq	Sep	—
Jul	—	Vol:	0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Apr 94	1330	1320	1330
May 94	1350	1340	1345
Jun 94	1275	1270	1270
Jul 94	1185	1180	1180

Vol: 370 lots Open int'st: 2971 Index 1321 +17

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1857.5-1858.0	1881.0-1881.5	1406500
Lead ($/tonne)	424.00-424.50	438.50-439.00	131150
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	902.50-903.50	925.00-925.50	831000
Tin ($/tonne)	5275.0-5285.0	5340.0-5345.0	20880
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1256.5-1257.0	1281.0-1281.5	1006125
Nickel ($/tonne)	5195.0-5200.0	5275.0-5280.0	66174

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LLOYDS BANK

C&G Cheltenham & Gloucester

Lloyds finally discovers a soulmate — in Cheltenham

Patricia Tehan and **Robert Miller** find plenty of evidence that the marriage of the high street bank to the sixth-biggest building society makes sense

Everyone knew Brian Pitman, chief executive of Lloyds Bank, was determined to go out with a bang. Far from brooding over his failed £3.6 billion bid for the Midland two years ago, the hard man of British banking has achieved his once in a lifetime acquisition with time to spare before his retirement next year.

Assuming the bank does not run into insurmountable regulatory or legal hurdles in the next 12 months, its £1.8 billion acquisition of the Cheltenham & Gloucester will be completed next May, giving him several months to sit back and reflect on his achievement.

Ironically, Mr Pitman is returning to his roots, originally from Cheltenham, he worked for the building society as a junior, early in his career.

The acquisition talks were code-named Project Paul, a reference to the damascene conversion — C&G will convert from building society to bank when the deal goes through. Mr Pitman was not taking any chances. C&G made the approach, though Lloyds had been looking at a possible building society acquisition for some time. One of the problems about buying a building society, quite apart from persuading its members to agree, was "a possible clash of culture". However, with C&G, Mr Pitman said, there is no such clash. He said both are "focused organisations, they believe in profitability rather than size. They believe that at the end of the day the only way you can make a profit is by excellent service".

Once the acquisition goes ahead next May, if everything runs according to plan, the work of knitting together the two organisations begins in earnest.

At first glance the two are very different animals. Lloyds is a bank with diverse corporate, banking and financial services. C&G is a building society which has deliberately stuck to what it knows best — mortgage lending and deposit taking. It avoided life assurance and current accounts because, said Andrew Longhurst, its chief executive, these markets are "already overpopulated".

As other major banks and building societies have embraced the bancassurance route, which aims to cater for all the financial needs of consumers under one umbrella, C&G has taken the opposite tack. As Mr Longhurst said yesterday: "We don't provide cash machines, current accounts, credit cards or unsecured loans. We are simple and focused. If you want a good mortgage rate and good service or simply a competitive savings account C&G will deliver."

Lloyds has 61,710 staff, and 1,800 branches. C&G has 3,000 staff, 230 branches and six mortgage centres, most in the South and West.

But look closer and the acquisition makes sense. In Mr Pitman and Mr Longhurst, it brings together the two great innovators in the financial industry. Lloyds was the first of the big four to go into bancassurance with the ground-breaking acquisition in 1988 of a majority stake in Abbey Life. It was the first to offer interest on current accounts in credit, the first to levy an annual fee on credit cards.

Lloyds' moves were the first in the industry to erode the cross subsidies where, by forgoing interest on the money in an account, customers paid the cost of running the account.

C&G was the first to abandon endowment mortgages, traditionally where building societies make hefty profits, as they were so unpopular with customers. It is the only building society that has not diversified, avoiding the pitfalls that have tripped many of its rivals in the past few years.

Both operations are deemed to be well managed. Lloyds has acquired the reputation of being Britain's best-managed bank as a result of its remorseless squeeze on costs that has fed directly into profits. Under Mr Pitman, it is managed for the benefit of its shareholders. Return on shareholders equity is one of his key targets.

Neither is interested in market share for its own sake. Lloyds allowed its loan book to shrink, sold most of its European retail banking operations and pulled out of low return businesses, or operations like merchant banking, where it was not a big player. Meanwhile, it has been busy filling in gaps in its product lines.

C&G's pre-tax profits have grown at a compound annual rate of 17 per cent since 1989, to £202 million last year. Its reserves have increased from £332 million in 1989 to £864 million last year, a compound annual growth rate of 27 per cent. During the same period its residential mortgage book has grown from £5.7 billion to £14 billion. C&G's cost base gives Lloyds plenty to crow about: its ratio of costs to income was 26 per cent last year, compared with a building society average of 48 per cent.

Under Mr Longhurst's stewardship, C&G has in turn been acquisitive, combatative and innovative. In the past ten years, for example, the UK's sixth largest society, with 370,000 mortgage borrowers and 1 million savers, has acquired 16 other societies.

The ambitious acquisition trail started in 1984 with the takeover of the tiny Cotswold society which had three branches and assets of £13 million. At that time, C&G's assets stood at just over £2 billion. Other societies to have merged with the C&G since then include the Portsmouth (£800 million of assets), the Guardian (£1.3 billion) and the Walthamstow (£326 million).

Last year, following the collapse of the proposed takeover of the Heart of England society by the Bank of Edinburgh, C&G stepped in. It was the biggest Longhurst acquisition and took C&G's assets to over £16 billion.

But the deals were not all as successful as Mr Longhurst might have hoped. When C&G took over the Portsmouth in 1991 it had expected to inherit up to £40 million of assets. However, after massive provisions to cover the smaller society's commercial loan book, C&G ended up with just £1 million.

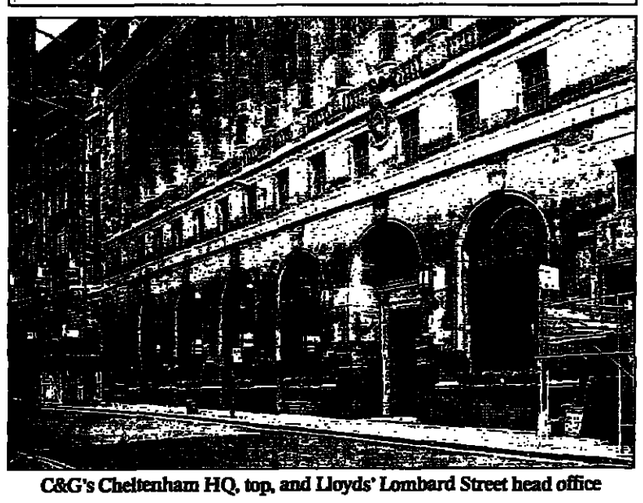
In 1991, Mr Longhurst sold a loss-making estate agency chain for £1.7 million and in 1989 the society abandoned low-cost share dealing. At the time, Mr Longhurst said: "It is vital that Cheltenham & Gloucester continues to keep its operating costs under tight control so we can maintain our track record of offering highly competitive products in mortgages and investments." In September 1990, C&G introduced a £100 minimum investment requirement for its savings accounts, below which it does not pay interest.

He does not shy away from confrontation. When the Government launched its National Savings First Option bond in July 1992, Longhurst felt that building societies were being placed at an unfair disadvantage. He immediately raised the society's mortgage rate in retalition, accusing the Government of "making us play according to their rules on a playing field which is not level". Within a week the Government backed off and lowered the interest rate it was paying on the first option bond.

In terms of innovation, the launch of C&G's London Share postal account in 1989 was two years ahead of other societies. In February, this year C&G abolished all application fees for home buyers taking out a mortgage or further advance. This represents an average saving of £160 for a property worth £55,000. This move followed the announcement last November that C&G would not renew its five-year, tied-agency agreement with Legal & General and that the society was withdrawing from the sale of mortgage-related life assurance. C&G promotes interest-only and repayment mortgages, neither of which require the linked purchase of an endowment policy.

In the past, Lloyds has tried and failed to buy the Royal Bank of Scotland, Standard Chartered, in which it still holds a stake, and the Midland. With the C&G, it looks like it will be fourth time lucky.





C&G's Cheltenham HQ, top, and Lloyds' Lombard Street head office

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Closer to the light

THE trick with Eurotunnel shares is to catch the turn in the market, when the project's undoubted strengths in terms of certain forward revenue flow are, in the market's perception, finally seen as outweighing the current uncertainties. Unfortunately, that moment is still a way off.

Few can have any doubt of the shape and size of the forthcoming rights issue, to the extent that Sir Alastair Morton's coyness yesterday seems overdone. If, as he says, there will be slightly more debt than equity, this would suggest some institutional unwillingness to fund the issue as much as it would any unexpected generosity on the part of the banks.

Any debt that is taken on, Eurotunnel insiders have suggested, can easily be renegotiated on more favourable terms once the project is up and running and can be considered as a stable utility. This does argue for a higher debt-to-equity ratio but hardly helps the poor shareholder, who needs to wait for the rights issue document and accompanying forward revenue projections, and then decide if these are any more reliable than some that have been produced in the past.

It is, therefore, surely significant that half the shares are in the hands of 600,000 smaller shareholders, only one in six of them British, and the City, with just 20 per cent of the equity, is playing a limited role for now. The shares are only being kept for the perks, and rightly so. But the wind will change one day, once the rights is successfully accomplished, and given the tightness of the market in Eurotunnel any upward move could be abrupt.

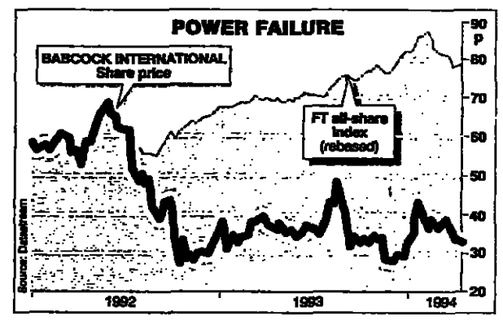
Babcock Intl

THERE was no secret that Babcock needed a rights issue to pay for restructuring its shattered energy division. Even though management pulled the group back into net cash of £3.9 million at the end of March it could not cover the cost of an inevitable round of redundancies, write-downs and provisions.

The rights money allows Babcock to close many of the holes in its balance sheet. If it has indeed provided for every eventuality, shareholders should enjoy the profits from the other divisions.

The greatest imponderable is the future of Babcock's management contract for Rosyth naval dockyard which expires in 1996. Rosyth may produce a third of operating profits this year, so the group cannot afford to be fainthearted in its bidding when the dockyard is privatised. For this, the group will need more cash, since the present rights money will be devoured by restructuring. This may not be the last time Babcock will need to call on its shareholders.

The 6 per cent rise in the shares yesterday shows the City is giving Babcock's new management the benefit of the doubt, particularly because its Materials Handling and Process divisions continue to perform so strongly. That is understandable since the group is capable of producing up to 2p in earnings this year, putting the shares on an earnings multiple of only 14 at the rights price.



Albert Fisher

ALBERT Fisher's performance yesterday had all the characteristics of nouvelle cuisine: too much presentation and too little meat, or in this case fish. The company cannot be criticised for seeking greater exposure to higher-margin products, such as chilled seafood recipes, when the rest of the food market is suffering deflation, but investors need more information to justify the price being paid for Rahbek Group.

Striking fishermen and restructurings spoilt Rahbek's 1993 results, we are told, but the explanations bear some resemblance to Fisher's own one-off hiccoughs (American weather, apple gluts, early cockle purchases). Past performance may be no guide to future performance but the company will have its work cut out to transform profits of £3.6 million into an acceptable return on the near £60 million it is investing in the seafood business.

More worrying is the demand for cash. Profit forecasts of £50 million-plus for the year suggest Fisher is issuing shares on a multiple of less than ten times earnings, hardly a statement of confidence.

Admittedly, gearing would have risen sharply without a rights issue to pay for Rahbek but the decision to pay 9 per cent on new shares to fund the deal smacks of desperation.

SmithKline Beecham

EVEN SmithKline Beecham, with its wealth of promising new drugs, is not immune to the pressure on world pharmaceutical sales. The ructions in the Italian healthcare market, when the government refused to reimburse sales of many drugs, left SB's turnover from continuing operations in the first quarter looking distinctly flat, even though the decline in sales of its ageing Tagamet anti-ulcer drug are slowing.

Indeed, gross profits took a sharp dive, not what investors used to expect from drug companies. The figures were only rescued by a fall in promotional spending due to the phasing of drug launches. Little wonder that SB felt obliged to sweeten shareholders with an 18 per cent increase in the quarterly dividend to 3p.

The Italian disaster should not be repeated in the remaining three quarters but neither will the fall in the promotional spending, since SB needs to fund the launch of Tagamet 100, its over-the-counter heartburn drug. Nor should drug companies view their experiences in Italy as anomalous; they could well be repeated in different forms elsewhere as governments crack down on the cost of healthcare provision.

But Bob Bauman has good reason to sound relaxed in the face of these increasing pressures. SB has largely succeeded in its greatest challenge to replace the lost sales from Tagamet with newer drugs. It has an almost unrivalled portfolio of new and developing products. Two of them more than doubled sales growth in the quarter, and the potential market for Seroxat, the anti-depressant, is vast.

At 372p, the shares trade on a p/e ratio of less than 12 times, which is inexpensive, even if earnings growth is sluggish for a time.

Finding help over Lloyd's

From Mrs Barbara Mills

Sir, Many congratulations to the two names who successfully sued Lloyd's (*The Times*, April 14) — is this the chink of light at the end of what has been, and is, a very black tunnel for some?

A few of us whose lives have been disrupted by Lloyd's have got together and started H.E.L.P. (Helpful Encouragement for Lloyd's Partners) in our area and this is exactly the encouragement we like to hear.

We are not an action group, we are not an advice group, merely like-minded people who meet regularly and are always at the end of the telephone to talk to and support each other.

We have all found this really helps and recommend that other partners should think of doing the same in their areas.

If anyone who reads this feels they would like to get in touch with us or is interested in starting up a group, we would be very happy to hear from them.

You are not alone, don't be lonely!

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Double take on the doormat

RESIDENTS of Belgravia and other leafy London quarters will soon be seeing double when they collect the morning post. Two rival versions of *Boardroom Magazine*, a glossy tome circulating in the posher parts of London and City offices, will be staring back at them from the doormat. Last week, it emerged that Marc Burca, who founded *Boardroom* in 1982 and later sold most of his stake for £1 million, is suing the former owners for at least £750,000, accusing them of depressing the value of the magazine. Burca has retained a 20 per cent stake. In a fresh twist to the saga, he is also planning to launch a new magazine to compete with the old. "It will be extremely odd to have two *Boardrooms* coming out at the same time," he says. "We are hoping to launch in September." What the advertisers will make of it is entirely another question.

Dual accolade

SIR John Cuckney, who retires as chairman of Royal Insurance in August, enjoyed a double accolade at yesterday's annual meeting in London. Peter Meinetzhagen of Hoare Govett, whose father, Daniel, was chairman of Royal from 1975-1985, rose to propose a vote of thanks to Sir John. He was pipped by an elderly shareholder who rose spontaneously to do the same thing.

Hair apparent

COULD Andrew Longhurst, suave chief executive of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, already be picturing himself at the head of the Lloyds' boardroom table? One of the more impetuous hacks at yesterday's press conference about the C&G takeover dared to ask whether Longhurst was being groomed as a successor to Brian Pitman, chairman of Lloyds. An exasperated Pitman muttered: "He's not even on board yet — give me a break." Inspired by talk of grooming, Longhurst then stroked his (own) hair — much to everyone's amusement.

Just the ticket

AAAH, the joys of privatisation! Commuters passing through Waterloo Station, the busiest of the 13 stations now managed by Railtrack, are being inundated with a host of unbeatable offers — a free cup of coffee at the Costa Coffee Boutique, a £1 discount on film processing at Boots, a free pair of socks at Tie Rack, and so on. Less than three weeks into the new regime, private enterprise seems to be thriving. A spokesman says: "We think it's a positive way of encouraging people on to the station." Mind you, it took four telephone calls to get an answer to a query, so the spectre of British Rail has not quite been exorcised.



"Never in the right shares. Never in the right building society"

Broker's hunt

SMITH New Court is, I hear, growing increasingly desperate in its quest to replace Alistair Buchanan, the top rated electrical utility analyst who quit to join Barclays de Zoete Wedd last November, taking Tim Ancher and Daniel Martin with him. Nearly six months down the line, the firm appears no closer to finding a replacement, despite knocking on several City doors. Kevin Lapwood, formerly of Nomura, is standing in, but as broker to several well-known utilities, Smith New Court will want to put this episode behind it as swiftly as possible.

Food for thought

FIRST the City. Now the world. Laurence Isaacson, deputy chairman of the newly floated Groupe Chez Gérard restaurant chain, is poised to become London's gastronomic ambassador. I hear he has been approached by the London Tourist Board to take a seat alongside Sir John Egan, its flag-waving chairman, with a view to singing the praises of London's restaurants to the world. Isaacson, who is founder and chairman of the Covent Garden Festival, and has 19 years in the restaurant business under his belt, so to speak, makes no secret of wanting to change Britain's "overdone beef and boiled potatoes" image. He is expected to start in June.

IN AN insurance broker's office in Montreal, the company has fixed a sign in the gents toilet saying "Think". Underneath, some wag has scribbled "Thoap".

JON ASHWORTH

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Grofund Equity	237.10	250.00	-0.90	1.38
Grofund Euro	199.20	209.70	-0.90	...
Grofund Expt Bal	115.30	119.50	-0.10	1.40
Grofund Gilt	75.01	78.25	-0.27	4.58
Grofund Japan	189.00	198.90	-1.10	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St. Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	519.40	551.50*	-0.40	2.48
General Inc	463.30	492.90*	-0.80	2.48
UK Growth Acc	350.70	373.10*	-0.30	2.70
UK Growth Inc	281.40	299.00*	-0.30	2.70
Higher Inc Acc	643.20	684.30*	+0.40	3.79
Higher Inc Inc	379.00	403.90*	+0.30	3.79
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	181.60	191.70*	...	6.08
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	90.50	95.60*	-0.01	6.08
Nth America	235.30	250.30*	-6.40	...
Far East	359.50	382.50*	-6.30	...
Europe	271.10	287.40*	-2.00	0.70
Brit Excell	70.31	74.82	+0.90	2.85
Bri Fndmntls Acc	97.19	103.40*	-0.20	4.64
Bri Fndmntls Inc	72.92	77.56*	-0.09	4.64
Global Opps	92.97	98.17	-1.40	0.01
Balanced Acc	52.82	56.20*	-0.17	2.48
Balanced Inc	52.35	55.70*	-0.17	2.48
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilt & Fixed Int	130.50	138.90*	-0.10	5.78
High Inc Equity	162.00	173.30	-0.70	4.54
Worldwide Bond	269.60	285.90*	-2.50	3.67
Capital Growth				
American Growth	288.10	307.60	-4.10	.38
Asian Pacific	330.20	353.20	-8.70	...
Assets & Earnings	368.20	395.30	-0.30	1.89
Commdty & Energy	113.90	121.20*	-3.00	...
1992 Enterprise	92.53	98.96	-0.55	1.71
Euro Capital Inc	129.20	138.20	-1.00	.70
General	225.50	239.90*	-1.60	2.27
Japan	133.90	143.20	-1.90	...
Mastertrust	141.90	151.80	-1.40	.99
UK Growth Dist	136.60	146.10	...	1.69
US Emerging Cos	128.00	136.20	-3.10	...
Income & Growth	388.00	412.80	-1.30	3.18
Ethical	73.37	78.06	-0.37	2.18
International	114.20	121.50	-1.20	.26
Dividend & Growth	61.10	65.00	-0.36	4.32
Global Gwth & Sec	65.02	69.24	-0.06	2.12
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 14 Melville St. Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£17.15	£17.87	+19.00	.
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 10 Queens Terrace. Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	60.51	61.62	-0.70	0.80
Amer Inc & Growth	42.85	45.20*	-0.58	0.69
Cash	50.25	50.25*	..	4.48
European	108.20	114.80	-0.90	...
European Income	99.20	105.40	-0.80	1.41
Exempt	£10.52	£11.10*	-2.80	3.41
Extra Income	53.24	56.97*	-0.09	4.57
Far East Emg Ecn	109.40	118.20	-1.90	0.53
Fixed Interest	24.42	26.07*	-0.05	7.04
Fund Inv Tst	182.70	195.00*	-1.40	0.86
Japan	201.70	214.60	-1.90	...
Latin American	61.69	65.69	-2.53	0.73
Pacific	70.63	75.64*	-1.11	0.35
Property Share	72.86	77.78	-0.15	1.66
UK Emerging Cos	68.57	73.20	-0.26	1.69
UK Growth	44.03	47.51*	-0.17	2.46
World Growth	73.62	78.58	-0.69	0.69
Ethical	62.80	67.04	-0.48	2.61
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	90.90	90.90*	-0.01	7.50
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton. Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	94.39	100.41	+0.03	3.10
UK Equity Growth	85.07	90.50	-0.08	2.15
European	67.62	71.94	-0.57	0.75
Nth American	65.99	70.20	-0.87	1.07
Far Eastern	73.36	78.04	-1.08	0.41
Money	65.73	65.73	...	3.93
Fixed Interest	70.06	74.53	-0.18	6.79
Index Linked Gilt	65.74	69.94	-0.09	1.14
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 25 St Andrew Square. Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	69.30	73.73*	-0.24	2.55
British Income	78.17	83.16*	-0.48	3.47
Select Portfolio	87.36	92.94*	-1.31	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	76.14	80.79	-0.24	2.01
Income Builder Inc	67.65	71.97	-0.18	2.81
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	234.60	250.70*	+0.40	3.01
Capital	422.40	451.50*	+0.30	1.50
Balanced	698.70	746.90	-0.40	2.43
Accumulator	£12.25	£13.20	+1.00	2.85
Income Trusts				
American Income	47.93	51.23	-0.32	1.65
High Income	411.00	439.30*	+0.70	3.37
Equity Income	234.23	250.30*	+0.30	3.34
High Yield	251.70	269.00*	+0.10	3.49
Govt Securities	33.11	34.95*	+0.11	5.24
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	128.30	137.10*	-2.00	0.22
European Growth	34.93	37.15	-0.31	0.08
International	161.20	172.00	-1.70	0.23
Japan	229.20	244.60*	-4.10	0.01
Pacific	410.90	439.20	-9.30	0.18
Secs of America	389.60	414.90*	-7.90	0.50
Wwide Asset Val	48.18	51.50	-0.60	0.04
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	529.20	565.70	+0.50	2.04
Com & Gilt	47.24	50.49	-0.05	4.08
Smaller Cos	180.90	193.30*	+0.20	0.88
2nd Smaller Cos	172.20	184.00*	+0.30	0.99
Recovery	145.90	155.90*	...	1.54
Met Min & Cdty	146.80	156.90*	-2.10	0.92
Oseas Earnings	362.90	387.90*	+0.40	1.79
Technology	149.80	160.10*	-2.00	0.01
UK Special Sits	458.70	490.30	+0.20	1.59
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Chrstd Oul Pens	99.53	103.40	...	1.45
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BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 St John's Sq. London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6767				
Capital	70.75	75.30	-0.16	2.70
International	63.51	67.56	..	0.49
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court. Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	285.50	308.70	-7.10	...
Bond	113.90	119.70*	...	6.49
Brit Smlr Cos	103.20	109.80	-0.10	0.91
Conv & Gilt	64.75	69.10	+0.18	5.02
Energy	425.70	461.00	-4.60	0.22
Europe	236.40	251.30	-2.00	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	105.50	112.30	-1.80	0.83
Income Gwth	351.70	375.10*	-0.50	4.02
Japan	341.30	363.00	-3.60	...
Pacific	109.10	116.10	-3.00	0.67
UK Smlr Cos	51.96	55.17	-0.03	0.75
Japan Fd	794.20	821.70	-10.70	...
Mngd Fd	171.50	182.40*	-0.40	2.74
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St. London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	284.00	298.90		1.23
Capital Growth	118.10	120.10		2.21
Wwide Opps	192.00	192.50		0.46
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
[illegible]	145.20	154.60*	-2.00	2.53
[illegible]	90.87	97.00	-0.27	7.24
Exempt	[illegible]	78.14*	-0.31	4.13
Financial	72.24	77.26	-0.20	2.44
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	-1.10	2.17
General	265.20	280.50*	-1.90	2.40
Property	[illegible]	265.90		5.51
Trustee	184.60	197.40	-1.00	2.16
Income Trusts				
[illegible]	100.20	100.20		4.40
[illegible]	116.70	124.40*	-0.50	3.97
[illegible]	55.22	59.06	-0.25	7.79
[illegible]	154.20	171.60	-2.50	3.98
[illegible]	64.76	69.18	-0.22	4.57
[illegible]	57.74	60.98	-0.82	1.40
[illegible]				
[illegible]	113.20	121.90	-0.01	2.51
[illegible]	124.30	132.90	-0.01	0.94
[illegible]	421.80	451.10	-1.50	2.21
[illegible]	47.24	49.66	-0.04	1.99
[illegible]	257.20	275.00	-1.00	1.56
[illegible]				
[illegible]	122.70	130.10	-3.40	0.21
[illegible]	274.30	270.50	-4.90	1.75
[illegible]	[illegible]	160.30	-2.70	1.75
[illegible]	142.50	150.20	-0.70	0.37
[illegible]	133.20	258.60*	-2.00	
[illegible]	87.60	92.90	-1.24	
[illegible]	79.61	83.54	-0.16	0.44
[illegible]	172.00	184.60	-2.50	0.40
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 0012				
[illegible]	91.28	97.52	-2.69	
[illegible]	127.40	132.60	-1.50	
[illegible]	[illegible]	50.55	+0.01	4.50
[illegible]	60.15	64.57*	-0.12	7.60
[illegible]	274.40	294.90	-9.10	0.10
[illegible]	87.92	93.57	-1.00	4.80
European Growth	[illegible]	192.40	-2.80	1.06
[illegible]	217.00	230.50	-2.00	1.09
[illegible]	71.30	75.90	-0.19	0.50
[illegible]	45.50	48.40	-0.30	5.30
[illegible]	124.10	132.80	-2.61	
[illegible]	251.40	268.30	-2.50	
[illegible]	199.60	212.40	-1.10	
[illegible]	74.76	81.65	-0.91	
[illegible]	131.80	140.90	-0.80	1.60
[illegible]	98.54	105.20	+0.10	2.40
UK Smaller Cos	96.51	102.29*	-0.30	1.60
[illegible] Managed	74.06	79.45*	-0.04	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
[illegible]	83.04	86.14		.
[illegible]	86.19	89.78		...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St. London EC1A 9DE 071 236 4443				
[illegible]	157.50	165.10	-1.10	4.66
[illegible]	91.65	97.30	-1.17	1.28
[illegible]	219.90	229.50	-3.00	2.34
[illegible]	44.29	47.37	-0.57	1.54
[illegible]	66.34	70.95*	-0.41	
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 221 6020				
[illegible]	106.52	112.72*	-0.42	1.63
Smaller Cos	106.79	113.01	-0.17	0.64
High Yield	44.50	47.09*	-0.07	2.91
American Growth Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	-3.07	...
European Growth	135.08	142.94*	-1.60	.
Global Bond Inc	28.40	30.07	-0.12	5.00
Mngd Pfolio Inc	42.44	45.22*	-0.51	1.08
[illegible]	117.21	124.23	-1.86	0.35
Pacific Growth	133.44	141.21*	-2.26	.
Formerly LAS				
[illegible]	47.72	50.17	-0.16	0.45
[illegible]	25.54	26.51	+0.01	3.18
Far East	35.53	37.69	-0.75	0.26
Income & Gwth	77.24	81.74	-0.50	3.56
[illegible]	54.52	60.23	-0.98	0.27
Japan	68.60	72.59	-0.60	
[illegible]	46.97	49.56	-0.36	0.97
Nth Amer Equity	38.61	41.12	-1.49	0.11
UK Equity	91.78	97.42	-0.41	2.19
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St. London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7286				
[illegible]	60.06	64.07*	+0.44	5.71
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	152.40	162.20	-0.60	1.43
UK Growth	165.40	176.00	-0.90	1.95
UK Income	132.70	141.30*	-0.50	4.12
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St. Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	182.70	193.60	-0.90	1.87
-do- Income Dist	106.80	113.30*	-0.40	4.41
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.58	43.01	-0.02	6.32
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF 061 236 5685 Enq: 061 236 5685 Dlg: 061 236 5362				
American & Gen	139.30	148.20*	-3.30	...
European Inc	79.34	84.30	-0.77	0.35
Smaller Cos (4+1)	83.16	88.47*	+0.26	1.35
Growth	422.00	451.40	-2.30	2.14
Income & Growth	405.10	431.00	-2.90	3.76
Japan & Gen	78.47	83.40*	-0.46	...
Master Portfolio	£104.4	£108.6*	-86.00	1.31
Special Sits	96.48	102.64	-0.65	2.15
High Yield	£13.25	£13.67	-1.00	4.15
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House. Festival Square. Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 580				
American Gwth Tst	34.99	37.42	-0.61	0.23
Cash Income	50.80	50.80	-0.01	4.60
European Gwth	39.79	42.37	-0.34	0.36
Income & Gwth Inc	27.40	29.30*	-0.12	4.22
Intnnl Gwth	31.04	33.19*	-0.40	0.55
Japan Gwth	29.45	31.49	-0.26	...
Managed Tst Inc	47.83	51.15	-0.49	1.57
Oriental Opps Inc	138.00	147.50	-4.60	...
Property Shares	44.44	47.52	-0.03	0.58
Smaller Cos	32.14	34.37	+0.02	1.54
UK Growth Tst	25.68	27.46	-0.10	2.19
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	70.93	75.86	-0.51	1.69
Cap Hse UK Inc	65.38	69.92	-0.29	2.45
Exempt	23.90	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	25.90	27.64	-0.21	0.39
European Acc	26.86	28.67	-0.21	0.39
Financial	147.50	157.70	+1.30	1.77
Foundation	90.82	97.13*	+0.15	2.27
German	50.33	53.82	-0.24	...
High Income	75.16	80.38*	-0.11	5.50
Income	132.30	141.40*	...	3.81
Intl Growth	38.78	41.47	...	...
Mngd Pfolio Inc	104.30	111.50	-0.80	1.66
Mngd Pfolio Acc	199.40	213.20	-1.90	1.66
Monthly Income	82.79	88.54	+0.43	3.90
North American	98.74	105.60	-1.20	...
Orient	153.00	163.60	-1.40	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue. London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	80.96	86.39	-0.24	2.29
American Portfolio	86.92	92.69	-0.63	1.04
European Portfolio	94.55	100.83*	-0.57	0.92
Japanese Portfolio	73.90	78.58	-0.86	...
Pacific Portfolio	140.50	151.08	-2.13	0.74
UK Inc & Growth	73.00	78.27*	...	3.75
Utility & Bond	53.16	53.85	-0.07	6.54
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey. London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	63.39	67.43	-0.18	2.97
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd. London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	141.31	152.72	...	...
UK Growth	...	...	...	...
UK Income	113.19	122.71	...	3.83
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard. London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	79.43	83.94	...	1.09
Beck Bio-Tech	30.19	32.12	-3.10	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	160.93	169.40	...	1.25
City Fin Assets	74.51	78.43*	...	1.61
City Fin America	79.57	82.71	...	...
City Fin Intl	76.52	80.55*	...	0.49
City Fin Japan	181.89	191.46	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	273.48	289.40	...	2.26
Friars Hse Inc	202.76	215.70	...	4.88
Buckley Wrld Grth	134.19	142.76*	...	0.08
Fairmnt Cap Gth	143.27	150.81	-1.32	...
-do- Inc & Gth	115.16	121.22	-1.00	1.63
Fairmount Intl	157.32	165.60	-2.80	...
City Fin Pflio Inc	57.30	60.96	-0.46	4.04
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap. London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	54.32	57.64	-0.76	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain. Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	53.56	57.28	-1.72	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.88	39.66	-0.55	0.20
Dragon Growth	68.78	73.56	-1.68	0.48
Equity High Inc	80.97	86.14	+0.19	3.79
European Gwth	49.41	52.56	-0.47	0.68
Evergreen	30.37	32.48	-0.40	...
General Equity	83.09	88.16	-0.32	2.33
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.81	26.08*	-0.01	8.02
Japan Growth	54.70	59.05	-0.42	...
Pedigree Gwth	50.32	53.53	-0.07	2.22
Pcd Sm Cos Inc	33.24	35.36	-0.07	0.63
Retirement Inc	25.31	27.22	+0.06	5.60
Special Sits	38.70	41.39	-0.04	1.67
UK & Overseas	47.70	50.74	-0.36	1.06
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime. Kent ME4 4YY 0634 893 080				
Capital	63.83	68.27	+0.04	2.37
Income	58.91	63.01	+0.03	3.92
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD Exchange Court. 3 Bedford Park. Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	161.44	171.74*	-0.67	5.15
Fixed & Convertible	42.08	44.77*	+0.08	5.70
Monthly Inc Plus	51.02	54.28*	-0.09	8.25
Preference Share	48.69	51.80*	-0.05	7.14
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	128.02	136.19*	-0.53	6.87
Managed Fund	67.44	71.74*	-0.45	2.81
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	42.85	45.59*	-0.01	1.86
UK & General	75.83	80.67*	-0.21	2.68
UK Growth	134.47	143.05*	-0.42	1.63
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	194.93	207.37*	-0.25	...
Far Eastern Grth	136.56	145.28*	-1.93	0.29
Global Bond	81.75	86.90*	-1.12	6.09
Japan Growth	133.25	141.75*	-2.97	...
North Amer Grth	154.24	164.08*	-1.13	...
Oriental Growth	77.91	82.88*	-0.67	...
Worldwide Growth	65.43	69.61*	-0.65	0.24
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.60	91.60*	+0.01	4.43
Homemaker Fund	75.83	80.67	-0.28	1.97
Quilter Fund	131.93	140.35	-0.37	2.44
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way. Stevenage. Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	57.73	61.41	-0.12	2.70
High Income	33.32	35.44*	-0.05	4.40
Japan	38.30	40.63	-0.31	...
Smaller Cos Inc	32.72	34.80	+0.03	2.20
Smaller Cos	34.04	36.21	+0.03	2.20
North American	31.18	33.17	-0.60	0.40
European	37.29	39.66	-0.30	0.40
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd. London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	31.16	33.48	-0.27	3.23
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St. Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	144.50	153.80*	-1.50	1.79
Income	73.66	78.37	-0.28	4.84
European	61.24	65.15	-0.41	0.62
Recovery	143.00	152.20*	+1.00	1.31
COOP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	812.90	826.60		3.74
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	70.91	75.46	-0.25	1.36
Income	232.30	247.17	-0.60	4.64
Smaller Cos	153.40	163.20	-0.20	1.25
Inv Portfolio	76.92	81.83	-0.48	1.46
High Income Port	67.05	71.34	-0.25	4.80
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate. London EC2M 3XS 071 410 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£15.75	£16.09	-11.00	
Japan Small Cos	£13.82	£14.07	-11.10	
UK Small Cos	£18.17	£18.56	+4.00	
US Small Cos	£15.62	£16.08	-57.00	..
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street. London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	192.10	202.20	.	2.72
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace. Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	267.20	282.60	-1.90	1.06
New Asia	211.20	228.00	-4.20	...
Japan Growth	134.60	143.40	-1.70	.
Jap Smlr Co	565.60	601.10*	-4.60	...
Nth Amer	241.30	255.90	-4.10	0.95
Shifnl Asia Pac Mt	117.50	125.00	-2.80	...
UK Inc & Grth	214.90	230.20*	-0.60	3.70
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	139.70	148.60	-0.40	1.90
UK High Inc Inc	154.30	164.20	-0.70	4.56
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.73	62.45	+0.01	9.02
Environmntl Opps	82.57	87.84*	-0.29	1.40
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 520				
American	117.60	125.00	-1.50	0.16
Convertibles	23.32	24.79*	-0.07	6.66
Equity Income	129.20	137.30*	...	3.64
Eurofund	45.31	47.95	-0.16	0.83
Financial	47.26	50.21	-0.55	1.59
Growth & Inc	229.90	244.30	-0.70	3.07
High Dist	159.80	169.60	-0.10	4.42
International	376.20	399.70	-5.40	0.25
Inv Cap Inc	93.31	99.61*	-0.99	2.61
Latin American	38.00	40.35	-2.13	0.31
Pacific	52.39	57.54	-1.04	...
Preference Share	23.95	25.45*	-0.08	8.08
Tokyo	240.60	255.20	-2.10	...
UK Smaller Cos	238.80	253.70	...	0.93
ELCON LTD Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70658				
Elcon Trust	220.00	235.00		
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens. London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	202.30	215.20	-3.70	0.35
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St. Aylesbury. Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	79.52	83.71	-0.68	1.68
Far Eastern	309.84	326.15	-5.38	1.41
High Income	134.77	141.86	-0.30	4.34
Intl Growth	117.43	123.61*	-1.26	1.21
North American	109.43	115.19	-2.36	1.06
Pelican	114.50	120.62*	-0.26	2.84
Smaller Cos	75.51	79.48	-0.22	1.60
Special Sits	91.11	95.91	-0.11	2.30
1st of Inv Tsts	190.77	198.71	-1.24	1.69
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	222.70	231.99*	-0.16	1.06
Smaller Cos Acc	386.44	402.55*	-0.28	1.06
Recovery	58.11	60.53	-0.08	1.88
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard. Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	110.43	117.44	+0.52	4.89
Capital Growth	81.03	86.90*	-0.27	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	45.09	48.10	-0.34	0.23
High Income	48.28	51.78*	-0.07	8.56
Warrant	60.91	66.21*	-0.83	...
Zero Preference	36.48	38.71	-0.10	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	75.50	80.32*	-0.36	2.41
Family Income Tst	48.37	51.45*	-0.48	3.92
Family Trust	89.74	95.47*	...	1.07
United Charities	253.40	269.60*	...	2.77
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd. Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.30
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	24.12	25.49	-0.08	3.13
-do- Europe	23.72	25.04	-0.14	4.75
-do- America	22.94	24.17	-0.21	0.23
-do- Acc Japan	27.10	28.87	-0.17	0.39
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	28.54	28.92*	-0.21	7.56
Intl Bond	28.97	30.17*	-0.09	5.11
Income Funds				
High Income	27.07	28.48*	-0.07	5.02
Income Plus	118.10	125.60	+0.20	4.01
Amer Eq Inc	46.19	48.97	-0.79	1.55
European Income	43.95	46.74	-0.45	1.91
Far East Inc	64.52	68.87	-0.84	2.08
Global Convertible	23.93	25.53*	-0.16	2.90
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	59.32	63.28	-0.89	...
American	225.00	238.90	-4.90	...
Amer Spec Sits	104.00	111.00	-2.40	...
Japan Smaller Cos	46.51	49.62	-0.60	...
European	164.30	174.90	-1.20	...
European Opps	61.72	65.63*	-0.56	...
UK Growth	87.56	93.10	-0.22	...
Growth & Inc	151.30	160.90	+0.10	2.32
Intl PEP	35.34	37.58	-0.31	...
Japan Spec Sits	103.00	110.00	-0.70	...
Japan	216.90	231.30	-1.80	...
Managed Intl	268.20	286.60	-3.90	...
Moneybuilder	53.00	56.36	-0.36	...
Recovery	46.64	49.60*	-0.13	...
South E Asia	147.20	157.10	-4.40	...
Special Sits	330.50	354.10	-2.60	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	106.10	111.60	+0.10	2.86
UK Reverse Index	78.69	82.98	-0.04	4.16
Europe Index	106.30	112.00	-1.00	4.48
-do- Reverse Index	67.90	71.52	+0.41	7.73
America Index	96.02	101.10	-1.00	0.53
-do- Reverse Index	97.88	103.00	+0.90	0.58
Japan Index	137.90	145.20	-1.50	0.51
-do- Reverse Index	93.41	98.52	+0.39	1.15
Cash Accum Units	105.05	105.05	+0.01	4.30
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St. Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2708				
Balanced	138.60	142.00*	...	1.62
Inc Pflio	89.17	90.89	-0.23	3.64
Cap Pflio	143.30	146.10	-0.90	0.65
General Opps	125.40	127.40*	...	3.09
Growth Inc	30.69	31.34	-0.09	1.20
Private Portfolio	398.90	407.70	...	1.50
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin, PO Box 2091, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	112.90	119.50	-1.20	0.44
Far Eastern	180.70	193.90	-1.30	...
High Income	22.22	23.68*	+0.03	10.77
Oseas Income	96.51	103.00	-1.40	3.10
UK Growth	113.70	121.60	+0.60	0.87
UK Income	107.50	115.20	-0.50	5.38
US Smaller Cos	283.50	303.20	-5.50	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	49.05	52.18	-0.31	3.99
-do- Inv Tst Inc	77.98	82.96*	-0.30	4.48
Intl Growth	71.84	76.43	...	1.16
Investment Trust	91.54	97.38*	-0.61	0.14
UK Smaller Cos	85.60	91.06	+0.01	1.21
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate. London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	51.10	54.62*	-1.34	...
(Accum Units)	51.10	54.62*	-1.34	...
Amer Smllr Cos	458.30	490.10	-14.70	...
(Accum Units)	468.20	500.60	-15.10	...
Capital Tst	336.90	347.70*	+0.10	1.41
(Accum Units)	482.50	491.90*	+0.20	1.41
Contl Smllr Cos	62.40	67.00	-0.11	0.36
(Accum Units)	65.23	70.04	-0.12	0.36
Convertible	136.40	145.00	-0.30	5.13
(Accum Units)	264.10	280.90	-0.70	5.13
Emerging Markets	73.08	78.07	-2.40	...
(Accum Units)	73.13	78.13	-2.40	...
European	118.00	125.50	-0.70	0.01
(Accum Units)	123.00	130.80	-0.80	0.01
Extra Income	332.30	353.40	-0.20	3.60
(Accum Units)	481.80	512.40	-0.20	3.60
Financial	121.20	129.00	-1.30	0.51
(Accum Units)	126.40	135.70	-1.40	0.51
Gilt Trust	62.85	64.81*	+0.08	6.16
(Accum Units)	85.43	88.10*	+0.12	6.16
Health Fund Inc	122.90	131.30	-4.20	...
(Accum Units)	122.90	131.30	-4.20	...
Income & Growth	196.80	209.30	...	3.42
(Accum Units)	285.00	303.10	-0.10	3.42
Intl Growth	360.20	387.60	-6.90	...
(Accum Units)	400.00	430.40	-7.60	...
Japan & Gen	202.60	217.10	-1.90	...
(Accum Units)	204.60	219.30	-1.90	...
Managed Port Inc	104.50	110.00*	-0.90	0.48
(Accum Units)	110.70	116.50*	-0.90	0.48
Monthly Income	167.60	178.20	+0.30	3.69
Quarterly Income	55.14	58.65	-0.02	4.41
(Accum Units)	56.80	60.48	-0.03	4.41
Recovery	353.60	378.10	-3.20	0.08
(Accum Units)	416.00	444.80	-3.90	0.08
UK Growth	52.08	55.60	-0.23	2.54
(Accum Units)	52.08	55.60	-0.23	2.54
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	377.45	401.54	-2.26	2.61
-do- Accum	778.63	828.33	-4.68	2.61
FP Euro Gth Dist	132.17	140.61	-0.64	0.29
-do- Accum	137.27	146.03	-0.67	0.29
FP Fixed Int Dist	132.27	139.91*	-0.51	6.29
-do- Accum	231.81	245.20*	-0.90	6.29
FP Intl Gth Dist	92.24	98.13	-1.10	0.35
-do- Accum	96.02	102.15	-1.14	0.35
FP Nth Amer Dist	179.46	190.91	-3.62	0.60
-do- Accum	196.10	207.73	-3.96	0.60
FP Pac Basin Dist	317.93	338.22	-5.08	0.01
-do- Accum	324.00	344.68	-5.18	0.01
Stewardship Dist	342.17	364.01	-0.57	1.82
-do- Accum	410.70	436.92	-0.67	1.82
Stwrdship Inc Dist	74.13	78.86	-0.23	3.20
-do- Accum	93.40	99.36	-0.29	3.20
N Am Stshp Dist	96.51	102.67	-1.39	0.55
-do- Accum	102.18	108.70	-1.46	0.55
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 237. York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	234.50	248.00	-0.90	1.98
Cash	49.61	50.35	...	4.34
Growth Portfolio	80.42	85.24	-1.12	0.35
Income Portfolio	66.59	70.41	-0.84	3.54
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	162.40	173.70*	-2.90	...
European	530.40	567.30	-6.20	1.27
Far East & Gen	278.00	297.40	-2.90	...
Germany	126.30	134.30	-0.60	..
Income Inc	152.00	162.60	-0.20	4.34
International	333.10	356.30	-5.90	...
Intl Income	81.14	86.23	-0.84	4.10
Japan & General	440.80	469.10*	-5.80	...
Korean Securities	68.86	73.67	-0.28	0.18
Smllr Cos Div Inc	52.45	56.10	+0.03	4.00
UK Capital (Inc)	187.90	201.00	-0.60	1.75
UK Spec Sits	92.17	98.58	-0.45	0.34
US & General	125.40	133.60	-3.40	...
Wwide Spec Sits	156.00	166.90	-2.60	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St. London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2080 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	50.66	54.17	-0.13	1.88
Cash Trust	132.96	132.96*	+0.01	4.77
Practical Inv Inc	115.17	123.18*	-0.36	3.57
UK Index	143.73	146.20*	-0.35	2.96
UK Smaller Cos	123.50	132.09	+0.24	0.84
Income Funds				
Preference Share	25.96	27.66*	-0.04	8.86
High Income	33.75	36.34	+0.24	4.73
UK Equity Income	135.10	144.49	-0.09	3.70
Global Bond	28.09	29.62*	-0.15	4.76
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	57.24	61.22*	-1.84	..
Global Inc & Gth	132.74	141.53*	-1.43	1.44
Gold & Intl Res	104.54	111.81	-2.24	0.90
Global Utilities	127.73	136.61	-1.14	0.81
Overseas Funds				
American	129.41	138.69	-2.74	0.94
European	95.94	101.52*	-1.09	0.75
Euro Sel Opps	132.67	140.49	-1.13	...
Amer Emerging	90.92	97.13	-2.91	..
Hong Kong	147.10	157.33*	-5.81	1.41
Japan	264.97	281.60	-1.92	..
Pacific Growth	216.53	231.58	-1.84	1.21
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	211.27	211.27*	-0.93	1.77
Long Term Bal	229.08	229.08*	-1.17	2.24
Med Term Bal	192.52	192.52*	-0.51	2.82
UK Equity	235.66	235.66	-0.36	2.20
UK Emerging Cos	144.71	144.71	+0.08	1.73
American	215.25	215.25*	-2.41	1.33
Japan	144.13	144.13*	-1.87	..
European	248.09	248.09*	-2.41	1.00
Index Linked Gilt	166.10	166.10	-0.18	3.21
Fixed Interest	153.78	153.78	-0.06	6.99
Amer Emerging	235.09	235.09*	-7.07	..
Pacific	235.96	235.96	-3.62	0.70
Emerging Mkts	162.47	162.47	-4.91	..
Index Strat Japan	164.45	164.43	..	0.21
-do- Pacific Rim	190.26	190.26	..	1.00
-do- Contl Europe	144.50	144.50	-3.14	1.56
Index Strat USA	125.35	125.35	..	2.30
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	99.94	106.21	-0.47	...
Med Term Bal	91.51	97.35	-0.26	..
Long Term Bal	103.16	109.75	-0.56	...
UK Equity	108.85	115.77	-0.37	..
UK Emerging Cos	67.86	72.19	+0.04	...
American	101.35	107.82	-1.19	...
Japan	69.34	73.76	-0.96	..
European	103.40	110.00	-1.07	...
Fixed Interest	77.22	82.15	-0.07	...
Index Linked Gilt	73.56	78.25	-0.06	...
Deposit	77.23	82.16	+0.01	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Inc Grth	125.38	131.98	-1.12	...
Berkeley Income	113.97	119.97	-0.42	2.13
BWII Intl	139.42	146.76	+0.36	0.58
Brdlff Gth Port Inc	61.70	65.12	-0.22	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	57.45	60.67*	-0.29	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	53.70	56.77	-0.44	0.50
Shaw Utilities	51.89	54.65	+0.03	3.91
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St. London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7533				
Inv Opportunities	142.70	150.90	...	0.03
Higher Income	133.70	140.40*	...	1.91
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place. London SW1 071 493 9990				
Intl Inc	557.15	592.71	-10.89	0.09
European Inc	144.12	153.32	...	...
Amalgam Inc	149.73	158.83		
N America Inc	319.99	340.41	-22.09	...
Far East Inc	355.64	378.34	...	0.20
UK Divid Inc	167.33	178.01	..	..
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House. 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	84.10	88.74*	-0.69	3.91
UK Small Cos	51.94	54.49	-0.18	0.81
British Growth	55.11	58.19	-0.29	2.12
American Gwth	147.66	157.93	-4.04	..
Japan Gwth	88.59	95.07	-0.97	...
Greater China	191.18	204.47	-3.77	...
Pacific Strategy	166.18	177.74	-0.33	...
European Gwth	84.63	90.51	-0.58	0.17
Intl Growth	144.54	154.59	-2.38	0.97
US Index (£)	13.03	13.73	-0.09	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	78.54	83.11	-0.44	1.89
Monthly Income	40.57	43.10*	-0.19	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0083				
Dollar Cash (£)	10.53	10.58	...	1.90
Grd UK Index (£)	10.41	10.97	-0.04	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse. 77 Mansell St. London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	93.92	99.91	+0.47	1.18
Bridge Income	260.21	276.81*	-11.49	5.40
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 36 Harbour Exchange Sq. London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	135.00	135.00*	...	4.45
European	473.20	505.50	-2.30	0.14
Gilt & Fixed	128.20	136.10	-0.50	4.69
Growth Equity	336.70	359.70	-0.90	2.06
Income Trust	124.60	133.10	-0.90	2.93
International	182.50	194.90*	-2.80	...
Japan Trust	139.20	148.70	-1.40	...
Nth American	259.50	277.20*	-5.50	...
Pacific	547.30	584.70*	-9.80	...
Guardhill	493.60	527.30	-1.70	1.83
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street. London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	110.15	114.33	-0.99	8.09
Global High Inc	113.96	118.30	-0.71	8.62
Prem Fixed Int	106.71	110.78	-0.46	7.80
Eqty & Bond Inc	100.97	107.35*	-0.66	4.84
European Growth	97.43	103.60	-0.48	...
Intl PEP Trust	60.56	64.40	-0.25	...
High Income	118.49	126.20	+0.63	3.47
Recovery	386.60	411.10*	-1.30	1.15
St Vinc High Inc	128.61	131.53	-0.69	6.69
Tmp Bar Smer Co	250.20	266.10	-0.20	0.73
Tmp Br Sm Co In	372.80	379.40	-0.70	1.42
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH11 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	38.87	41.21	-0.40	1.50
Income Advtg Inc	31.39	33.28*	-0.30	3.58
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	201.40	213.70*	+0.20	1.75
Smaller Cos	35.19	37.44	+0.01	1.10
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD PO Box 2257, Brentwood. Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 280 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	298.57	319.46*	...	1.03
Best of British	62.82	67.22	...	2.34
UK Smaller Cos	124.97	134.34	...	0.96
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	277.20	295.21	...	3.91
High Income	326.39	348.90*	...	3.69
Extra Income	284.01	302.35*	...	4.89
Pref & Gilt	47.96	51.58*	...	8.06
International				
International	268.99	287.43*	...	0.09
Global Bond	54.72	58.01*	...	6.32
Family of Funds	82.39	87.88	...	0.40
Global Tech	144.52	154.56	...	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	178.83	191.24	...	0.12
European	472.73	501.03*	...	0.30
European Income	84.71	89.67	...	2.60
Euro Smlr Cos	147.82	158.46*	...	0.20
Eur Sp Sits	68.11	72.61*	...	0.20
Japan Trust	239.63	244.45	...	...
Japan Special Sits	270.29	287.76*	...	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	255.90	271.82*	...	0.10
North American	235.13	250.10	...	0.03
American Smaller	100.12	107.03*	...	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	51.52	54.61	-1.76	...
Eur Sp Sits	58.01	61.49	-0.47	...
General Growth	41.73	44.23	-0.06	...
Global Tech	55.59	58.92	-1.01	...
Income Growth	41.56	44.05	-0.06	...
Japan Growth	27.83	29.49	-0.27	...
Overseas Growth	38.63	40.94	-0.66	...
Smaller Cos	22.02	23.34	-0.06	...
Special Opps	29.13	30.87	-0.13	...
Wwide Sp Sits	48.25	51.14	-0.82	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	98.18	105.00	-0.30	1.79
Capital	173.10	185.10	-0.70	1.38
Dollar	327.00	349.70*	-7.30	...
European	240.30	257.00	-2.30	0.21
Far East	326.80	349.50	-6.30	0.07
Financial	797.60	853.00*	-1.80	0.97
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	25.64	26.60*	-0.07	7.69
High Yield	109.50	117.10	+0.20	3.85
Income & Growth	146.30	156.40	-0.20	2.94
International	247.70	264.90	-3.80	0.01
Japanese General	216.90	231.90	-2.90	...
Japan Tech	87.75	93.84	-0.93	...
Nat Resources	70.36	75.25*	-1.32	...
Portfolio	73.54	78.65	-0.37	1.70
Security	327.70	350.40	-0.40	1.76
Smaller Cos	134.30	143.60*	-0.20	0.90
Special Sits	153.00	163.60	-0.50	1.11
UK Emerging Cos	93.97	100.50	+0.10	0.03
US Smaller Cos	68.72	73.49	-3.14	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square. London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 289 505				
Index Funds				
American Index	189.30	201.60	-1.00	1.44
Eurotrack 100	154.10	163.90	-1.50	0.97
Footsie Fund	51.10	54.09	-0.26	2.22
Japan Index	86.15	91.94	-0.81	0.09
Tiger Index	199.70	213.10	-3.80	0.11
Trizle Index	120.00	128.10	-0.10	1.64
UK Index	136.30	145.50	-0.60	2.84
Active Funds				
American Growth	458.10	488.90*	-6.50	0.40
Asian	55.15	58.86	-1.85	0.36
Capital	578.50	617.40*	-1.40	1.63
European Growth	112.60	119.60	-0.60	...
Global Bond	22.52	23.79	-0.12	6.00
Hong Kong Gwth	106.60	113.80*	-0.40	0.56
Income	549.60	586.60*	-1.20	4.01
Intl Growth	78.26	83.52	-1.09	0.06
Japan Growth	314.40	335.50	-3.80	...
Japan Smllr Cos	40.24	42.95	-0.60	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	74.33	79.33	-1.28	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 520200 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	59.63	63.78*	-0.21	2.64
(Accum Units)	61.93	66.23*	-0.22	2.64
British Tst	81.34	86.99	-0.16	1.95
(Accum Units)	93.60	100.10	-0.20	1.95
Extra High Inc	69.93	74.79*	+0.02	5.95
(Accum Units)	129.40	138.30*	+0.10	5.95
Gilt & Fxd Int	54.86	57.09	+0.03	6.53
(Accum Units)	152.00	158.20	+0.10	6.53
High Yield	230.20	246.20	-0.60	4.56
(Accum Units)	552.20	590.90	-1.60	4.56
Income	296.10	316.70	-0.30	2.84
(Accum Units)	633.00	677.00	-0.60	2.84
Money Market UT	49.52	49.52	...	4.52
(Accum Units)	75.14	75.14	...	4.52
Monthly Income	86.64	92.66*	-0.17	4.23
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.82	103.00	-0.20	1.91
European Growth	108.30	115.40	-0.60	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	82.02	87.02	+0.04	6.38
Income	85.36	90.81	-0.19	2.91
Japan Growth	59.57	63.37	-0.60	...
Managed	66.85	71.12	-0.24	2.47
Money Market	83.67	88.69	+0.01	4.53
North American	84.55	89.96	-1.13	0.50
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	87.98	93.60	-0.16	1.89
European Growth	102.20	108.70	-0.50	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.18	82.94	+0.04	6.34
Income	83.87	89.22	-0.19	2.88
Japan Growth	59.36	63.15	-0.59	...
Managed	63.96	68.04	-0.23	2.44
Money Market	77.33	81.97	...	4.48
North American	77.11	82.03	-1.01	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	88.19	93.82	-0.17	1.87
European Growth	99.73	106.10	-0.50	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	72.16	76.55	+0.03	6.45
Income	83.20	88.51	-0.19	2.89
Japan Growth	60.81	64.69	-0.61	...
Managed	67.11	71.39	-0.24	2.43
Money Market	72.45	76.80	...	4.53
North American	85.38	90.83	-1.14	0.46
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square. London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	71.88	76.37	-0.58	0.27
Smaller Cos	32.66	34.70	+0.08	1.14
Special Features	31.71	33.69*	-0.14	1.42
(Accum Units)	38.07	40.44*	-0.16	1.42
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	76.44	81.21	-0.08	1.89
Accum Units	91.90	97.64	-0.08	1.89
General Equities	73.19	77.76	-0.05	2.73
Great British Cos	52.18	55.81	-0.11	1.90
Managed Invest	101.30	108.20	-0.60	1.49
PEP Managed	72.15	77.00	-0.34	2.22
Rupert Child Tst	80.69	86.12*	-0.19	1.96
UK Growth	58.81	62.91	-0.09	1.70
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	90.32	90.32	+0.01	3.76
Cashbox (Acc)	57.65	57.65	...	3.76
Extra Income	86.10	92.09	-0.08	4.97
Gilt	27.75	29.23	+0.02	6.22
Income & Growth	41.41	44.24*	-0.12	3.27
Minstar Gilt & FI	74.40	76.05*	-0.32	7.32
Preference Shares	19.18	20.37	...	6.16
UK Income	335.40	358.20*	-0.50	3.29
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	66.78	70.95	-0.47	0.85
Property Shares	78.82	84.74*	-1.11	1.26
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	49.49	52.55*	-0.77	0.59
US Smaller Cos	109.00	115.30	-2.90	..
(Accum Units)	110.20	116.60	-2.90	...
Europe Perf	153.10	162.60	-1.40	...
(Accum Units)	158.30	168.10	-1.40	...
Euro Smaller Cos	29.25	31.03	-0.24	...
French Growth	76.28	81.24	-1.10	0.04
Accum Units	81.72	87.03	-1.18	0.04
H Kong & China	86.85	93.60	-3.34	1.65
Intl Growth	57.58	61.17	-0.61	0.30
Accum Units	57.87	61.48	-0.61	0.30
Japan Perf	38.02	40.38	-0.40	...
Accum Units	38.02	40.38	-0.40	...
Japan Smaller Cos	48.61	51.65	-0.37	...
Singapore ASEAN	110.10	119.20	-1.20	...
Accum Units	110.90	120.10	-1.10	...
SE Asia	322.90	343.00*	-4.60	0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	91.70	97.74	-0.94	1.50
Intl Bond	55.22	56.00	-0.20	6.68
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge. London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	146.90	156.30	-3.90	...
Income	139.83	148.76	-1.80	4.02
Res & General	...	...	...	...
UK Growth	53.17	56.57	-0.50	0.95
International	85.62	91.00	-0.98	0.25
Ecology	81.06	86.23	-0.84	...
European	115.70	122.41	-0.46	...
Far Eastern	329.80	350.80	-6.50	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers 0277 227 300				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	53.47	56.88*	+0.01	6.87
Gilt Yield	116.50	123.00*	+0.20	7.10
Global Income	224.70	239.00	+0.60	3.61
High Yield	143.10	152.20	+0.10	5.68
Smllr Cos Div	58.09	61.80	-0.03	2.80
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	91.31	97.14	-1.69	...
North American	73.95	78.67	-1.72	0.32
European Special	96.15	102.30	-0.78	1.22
European	153.50	163.30	-0.50	1.20
General	280.80	298.70	-1.00	3.01
Japan	466.30	496.10	-6.90	...
Japanese Special	271.50	291.00*	-3.60	...
Master Accum	246.00	261.70	-1.90	0.82
Pacific	349.60	371.90*	-6.70	0.23
Smaller Cos	120.20	127.90	+0.10	0.91
UK Equity Growth	44.09	46.90	-0.14	1.65
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street. London W1Y 9LA 071 629 1683				
Global Inc & Gth	64.31	68.65	-0.68	0.80
Inv Trust	71.07	75.62	-0.62	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	60.57	64.44	-0.45	1.40
High Inc Acc	56.00	59.58	-0.19	3.50
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse. 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	626.80	639.60	..	4.80
Intl & General	436.00	444.90	...	0.09
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	57.22	60.87	+0.02	4.11
Smaller Cos	55.55	58.78	+0.15	0.85
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	251.90	268.00	-0.20	1.70
High Income	110.80	117.90	+0.30	3.73
International	94.30	100.30	-1.00	0.39
Recovery Trust	64.75	68.88	-0.16	1.23
European Trust	83.43	88.76*	-0.91	0.49
Japanese Trust	48.44	51.53	-0.35	...
American Trust	76.00	80.85	-1.16	0.13
Managed	67.02	71.30*	-0.37	0.41
Cash	50.13	50.13*	...	3.97
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	351.40	359.00	-1.60	2.15
UK Inc/Gth	382.60	388.70	-2.20	2.90
UK Income	269.90	274.40	-0.80	3.67
UK Sm Cos	256.10	265.40	-0.10	1.45
Euro Gwth	123.80	124.70*	-1.60	...
N Amer Gwth	74.84	75.76*	-2.38	0.09
Jap & Pac Gth	85.79	86.88*	-2.40	...
Money Mkt	118.46	118.46	...	2.320
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	462.20	491.70*	-0.70	2.47
Equity Income	101.00	107.40	-0.10	3.11
UK Tactical Allocatn	94.61	97.99*	+0.02	2.81
European	113.70	121.00	-1.00	0.85
Far Eastern	241.90	257.30	-5.00	...
Fixed Interest	52.31	55.58*	-0.18	7.32
Gilt	89.60	95.02*	-0.04	6.84
Global Growth	79.38	84.45	-1.42	0.45
Intl Bond	53.94	57.26	-0.28	5.12
Japanese	83.80	89.15	-0.96	...
North American	145.80	155.10	-2.80	0.50
Pacific Growth	116.90	124.40*	-3.20	...
UK Index	61.26	64.68*	-0.14	3.00
UK Recovery	91.96	97.80*	-0.22	1.54
UK Smaller Cos	127.40	135.50	-0.10	1.00
US Index	56.94	60.09	-0.89	1.93
European Index	73.04	77.09	-0.68	1.53
Japan Index	45.12	47.62	-0.25	...
Worldwide	85.74	91.21	-0.69	0.92
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	48.92	52.32	-0.07	2.69
Income	59.53	63.67	-0.15	2.69
Far East	58.73	62.81*	-0.70	...
North American	90.03	96.29*	-3.05	...
Global	95.37	102.00*	-1.60	0.67
European	86.79	92.68*	-0.81	0.99
Japan	120.70	129.10	-1.50	...
Intl Currency Bd	57.91	61.39*	-0.36	6.20
SE Asia	116.90	125.00*	-3.50	0.78
UK Cap Growth	91.57	97.93*	-0.08	1.88
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	344.00	366.00	-1.90	2.62
-do- Acc	763.70	812.50	-4.20	2.62
Contl Euro Gth	62.02	65.29	-0.40	0.86
-do- Acc	66.06	69.54	-0.43	0.86
Extra Inc	257.80	274.30	-1.70	3.69
-do- Acc	646.40	687.70	-4.40	3.69
German Gth	127.50	134.30	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	133.80	140.90	+0.90	...
Growth Port	547.00	582.00	-3.50	0.08
-do- Acc	551.60	586.90	-3.60	0.08
Income	480.30	511.00*	-3.00	3.60
-do- Acc	£12.69	£13.51	-8.00	3.67
Income Port	511.90	544.60	-5.00	3.87
-do- Acc	529.20	563.00	-1.90	3.87
Japan Growth	114.90	122.30	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	115.40	122.80	-0.30	...
Master Trust	58.22	61.94	-0.41	1.54
-do- Acc	64.09	68.19	-0.46	1.54
N American Gen	176.20	187.50	-3.20	...
-do- Acc	203.60	216.60	-3.60	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	130.20	138.60	-3.00	...
-do- Acc	132.90	141.40	-3.10	...
Pacific Basin	259.70	276.30	-7.30	0.55
-do- Acc	275.50	293.10	-7.70	0.55
Small Cos Rec	364.20	383.40	+0.20	1.95
-do- Acc	478.50	503.70	+0.30	1.95
UK Growth	86.06	91.56	-0.44	2.16
-do- Acc	102.20	108.80	-0.50	2.16
Worldwide Gth	317.00	337.30	-5.90	0.21
-do- Acc	467.60	497.50	-8.70	0.21
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park. Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	61.99	66.51	-1.05	0.30
General	87.41	93.79	-0.41	2.50
Income	67.81	72.76*	-0.25	5.00
International	64.32	69.01	-0.90	0.70
Japan	62.84	67.42	-0.71	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	69.65	74.73*	-0.71	1.60
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	379.50	401.70	-7.30	0.90
Amer Recovery	439.00	464.20	-7.40	0.38
Amer Smllr Cos	122.20	129.20	-3.40	...
Australasian	166.30	175.90	-3.20	1.51
Capital	822.90	870.20	-2.50	2.01
Charifund	706.90	714.00	-6.20	5.11
Commodity	386.00	408.20	-6.60	0.31
Compound Grth	928.80	982.20	-4.70	2.45
Dividend	40.60	42.90	-0.30	4.12
Equity Income	353.30	373.60	-1.60	4.63
Euro & General	511.60	541.00	-3.80	0.63
Euro Dividend	71.50	75.60	-0.50	3.39
Extra Yield	418.30	442.40*	-3.80	4.46
Far Eastern	378.10	399.80	-4.40	0.47
Fund of Inv Tsts	632.40	668.80	-0.30	1.72
General	61.00	64.50	-0.40	3.61
Gilt Income	61.59	61.68	-0.39	6.89
Gold	63.60	67.30	-1.50	0.83
High Income	28.80	30.50	-0.20	4.37
Intl Growth	77.60	82.10	-1.10	0.82
International Inc	101.40	107.20*	-1.00	4.31
Japan & Gen	52.20	55.20	-0.60	...
Japan Smlr Cos	187.60	198.40	-1.80	...
Managed Income	27.90	29.30	-0.20	3.78
Midland	66.60	70.40	-0.20	2.45
Pension Ex	958.30	979.20	-7.00	3.87
Recovery	43.20	45.70	-0.30	2.08
Second General	71.80	75.90	-0.40	3.30
Smaller Cos	72.40	76.60	+0.10	2.49
Treasury	25.06	25.10*	...	4.67
Trustee	43.10	45.60	-0.10	4.03
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	81.41	86.60*	-0.59	0.43
High Income	284.80	302.90*	-1.40	4.33
Intl Bond	65.24	68.62	-0.40	5.41
Intl Equity Growth	71.26	75.80	-0.23	0.39
N Amer Growth	92.35	98.24*	-1.79	0.84
Special Sits Growth	22.66	24.10*	-0.03	1.26
UK Growth	370.00	393.60*	-0.20	2.56
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington. E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	£12.96	£13.36	...	2.60
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	142.90	147.20*	...	3.90
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	188.10	201.20	-1.20	2.18
Gilt & Fxd Inc	171.80	180.90	-0.20	7.12
Intl Growth	211.10	225.10	-3.30	0.21
North American	172.90	184.80	-3.00	0.50
Far East	271.20	290.10	-6.10	0.91
UK Smaller Cos	174.20	186.30	-0.60	1.59
European	82.03	87.21	-0.30	0.72
Japanese Growth	51.90	55.22	-0.67	...
Managed Pfolio	69.64	73.29	...	...
High Income	183.30	196.00	-1.00	4.21
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	149.70	159.30	-0.44	1.97
-do- Accum	169.00	179.80	-0.44	1.97
UK Sel Pfolio	122.90	130.00	-0.15	2.15
-do- Accum	145.80	155.10	-0.15	2.15
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square. Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	65.84	70.04	-1.26	3.75
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace. Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	74.36	78.94*	-0.86	4.07
European	82.37	87.44	-0.93	0.43
Income & Growth	76.38	81.08	-0.82	2.93
Nth American	56.50	59.98	-0.49	0.36
Far East	169.60	180.00	-2.60	...
Charities	177.40	124.60	-1.10	3.42
Japan	62.15	65.98*	-0.37	...
Emging Mkts	107.60	115.10	-2.00	0.20
Intl Growth	108.10	114.80*	-1.50	0.06
UK Growth	89.82	95.25	-0.40	0.57
Asian Opps Fd	39.52	42.27	-0.66	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	192.30	204.80	-4.20	...
(Accum Units)	205.50	219.00	-4.40	...
American Opps	84.99	90.66	-1.91	...
(Accum Units)	86.06	91.80	-1.93	...
British Blue Chip	78.16	83.23*	-0.46	3.03
(Accum Units)	94.62	100.70*	-0.60	3.03
Cash	101.00	101.00	...	4.74
(Accum Units)*	133.90	133.90	...	4.74
Emerging Mkts	113.10	121.60	-4.90	...
European Growth	246.00	260.90	-2.60	0.61
(Accum Units)	264.90	280.80	-2.90	0.61
European Income	83.78	88.65	-0.84	2.75
(Accum Units)	109.70	116.10	-1.00	2.75
General	510.00	544.00*	-2.70	2.22
(Accum Units)	988.10	1054*	-5.00	2.22
Global Bond	122.40	128.70*	-1.00	6.19
(Accum Units)	144.00	151.50*	-1.20	6.19
Gold & General	177.30	190.60	-4.30	0.49
(Accum Units)	181.30	194.90	-4.50	0.49
Govt Securities	92.11	94.96	-0.16	7.49
(Accum Units)	170.70	176.00	-0.20	7.40
Income	152.80	162.70	-0.80	4.26
(Accum Units)	231.80	246.80	-1.40	4.26
International	433.00	484.30	-4.60	0.58
(Accum Units)	606.80	645.90	-6.20	0.58
Japan	212.30	225.10	-2.70	...
(Accum Units)	218.00	231.10	-2.80	...
New Europe	173.30	184.90	-1.60	1.40
(Accum Units)	177.20	189.00	-1.70	1.40
Pacific	125.40	131.90	-2.30	0.63
(Accum Units)	133.30	142.20	-2.50	0.63
Recovery	339.90	362.90*	-0.50	2.47
(Accum Units)	432.20	461.00*	+0.70	2.47
UK Smaller Cos	60.54	64.58*	-1.37	1.69
(Accum Units)	68.06	72.60*	-1.54	1.69
Portfolio	80.15	85.28*	-0.66	2.66
(Accum Units)	93.24	99.30*	-0.77	2.66
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	115.26	122.62	-0.86	0.88
Intl Strategy	65.92	70.13	-0.77	0.07
UK Income Inc	76.20	81.06*	-0.46	4.02
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.44	13.23	...	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus. London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0823				
American Gwth	298.80	317.80*	-6.50	...
European Gth Inc	387.20	412.60	-1.60	...
Intl Gwth	192.60	205.60	-1.70	...
UK Equity Inc	176.00	187.20*	-0.90	3.08
UK Ind Trckr Inc	156.40	167.40	-0.80	2.73
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	188.10	199.50*	-2.40	1.46
Japan Tracker	82.54	87.41	-0.84	...
Asian Trader	207.30	225.60*	-5.30	0.46
Managed Inc	149.70	160.90	-1.00	1.62
Deposit Inc	99.93	99.93*	+0.01	4.81
Europa	177.30	190.00	-0.90	...
Genesis	160.30	174.30	...	...
High Income	22.27	23.61*	-0.01	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St. Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	94.87	97.09*	-0.63	2.29
Acumen Inc	90.79	92.92*	-0.60	2.29
Acumen Reserve	81.76	82.59*	-0.49	7.22
-do- Inc	73.64	74.39*	+0.44	7.22
Americas Growth	164.30	169.10	-3.60	0.92
Cash Income	49.87	50.38	...	4.28
Equity Income	97.66	100.40*	-0.80	4.49
European	73.98	75.98	-0.35	0.40
Smaller Cos	80.47	84.09	+0.03	0.93
Olympiad	67.01	68.96	-0.86	...
Global Bond	46.58	47.18	-0.27	6.50
UK Growth	91.85	94.29*	-0.38	2.04
Pacific Growth	108.20	112.20	-2.30	...
Japan Growth	100.50	102.30	-1.00	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 090				
Avon Equity	118.24	125.79	-0.17	2.86
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695 Dlg: 0705 882 680				
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Inc Inc	106.20	112.90	-0.60	1.57
Open Cap Gth Inc	107.80	114.60	-0.60	1.40
NM Unit Trusts				
American	42.72	45.51	-0.44	1.73
Australian	333.80	358.10	-10.20	...
Conscience	74.85	79.88	+1.90	0.44
European	199.10	211.80*	-1.80	0.71
Extra Income	73.94	78.91*	+0.19	5.62
Gilt & FI	57.14	60.30	-0.10	6.14
Gold	56.86	61.13	-1.59	...
Income	54.96	58.62	...	3.97
Intnl	33.15	35.45	-0.33	0.71
Jap Smaller Cos	404.00	430.90	-0.20	...
Sing & Malaysian	245.40	263.10	-4.00	...
Smaller Cos	31.92	34.00	+0.04	0.59
Special Sits	36.76	39.52*	-0.03	1.53
Sterling Deposit	100.30	100.30*	...	4.50
Tokyo	90.40	99.62	-1.18	...
UK Equity	173.70	185.20	-0.20	2.68
US Smaller Cos	105.30	112.60	-3.50	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St. Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5522				
UK Growth	75.65	80.48	-0.34	1.77
UK Income	109.80	116.90	-0.10	3.57
Gilt & Fixed Int	73.02	77.27	-0.23	6.01
Higher Income	225.80	240.30	-0.40	4.46
Smaller Cos	83.90	89.26*	+0.17	1.54
International	98.85	105.17*	-0.71	1.18
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	105.90	111.10	-1.80	...
European Dist	108.70	116.10	-0.80	...
Far East Dist	187.10	200.10	-2.70	...
Global Care Dist	72.42	77.45	-0.41	2.10
Oseas Dist	£10.33	£11.04*	-12.00	0.13
UK Dist	339.60	363.20	-0.80	2.41
UK Extra Inc Dist	76.74	82.07	-0.11	3.56
Wwide Dist	104.10	111.30*	-1.30	...
Wwide Inc Dist	70.15	75.03*	-0.28	2.19
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	62.43	65.89*	-0.63	0.26
Fund of Funds Inc	57.93	61.14	-0.51	0.67
North America Inc	46.81	49.42	-0.69	0.42
UK Equity Grth Inc	60.20	63.54	-0.20	1.76
UK General Inc	57.50	60.69*	-0.19	2.26
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	47.34	49.84*	-0.14	6.62
UK Income Inc	58.97	62.24	-0.21	2.76
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St. London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000				
Income	222.82	237.05*	-1.10	3.39
Global	341.33	363.12*	-3.57	2.05
General	188.71	200.76	-1.07	2.11
Bond	125.97	133.75	-1.24	6.22
Growth	122.99	130.85*	-0.46	2.30
Intrepid	123.25	128.39	...	1.70
Bridge Fund	87.44	93.03	...	...
Distributor	90.29	96.06	-0.22	4.51
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	122.15	129.93*	-0.59	1.74
UK Equity	138.26	147.08	-0.12	2.69
UK Equity Income	133.57	142.61	-0.02	2.85
UK Smaller Cos	125.97	134.01	-0.09	0.98
UK Equity Growth	128.49	136.69*	+0.02	1.98
UK Index Trckg	137.68	146.47	-1.21	3.34
Intl Index Trckg	143.32	152.47*	-1.42	1.06
International	232.64	247.49*	-2.69	0.67
European	189.11	201.18	-1.44	0.32
Pan European	128.86	137.09	-0.38	1.20
Nth American	153.81	163.63	-2.81	0.55
N Amer Smllr Cos	173.62	184.92	-2.67	...
Japanese	105.17	111.88	-0.69	...
Pacific	240.72	256.09	-4.19	0.29
South East Asian	257.53	274.28*	-6.58	0.40
Intl Bond	133.42	141.85	-0.19	5.06
Gilt & Convertible	105.85	112.53	+0.18	6.70
Property	88.44	94.09	-0.09	4.80
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	236.80	251.90	-1.80	2.32
Growth	153.30	161.40	-0.90	2.46
Income	238.50	253.70*	-2.80	3.40
Intl Equity	251.30	267.30	-2.80	0.66
UK Income	66.29	70.51	-0.23	2.96
UK Intl 25	77.60	82.55	-0.60	1.78
New Europe	78.05	83.03	-0.66	...
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	590.82	631.90	-9.13	0.25
Income	329.02	351.90*	-0.33	3.12
Wwide Recovery	370.66	396.43	-6.01	0.31
Amer Growth Inc	207.86	222.32	-4.22	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	244.79	261.81	-4.13	0.08
Far Estn Gth Inc	295.43	315.97	-3.00	0.10
Euro Gwth Inc	143.30	153.27	-1.35	0.47
UK Growth Inc	83.94	89.78*	-0.13	2.49
High Income	92.56	99.00	-0.02	3.80
Jap Gwth Inc	249.62	265.92*	-4.74	0.01
PEP Growth	116.89	125.02	-1.41	0.86
Asian Str Mkts Inc	125.33	134.05	-2.73	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	124.28	132.92	-3.67	0.01
Global Bond	56.93	60.01*	-0.02	5.55
UK Smaller Cos Inc	81.82	87.51	+1.19	1.01
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	101.01	107.46	-1.99	...
European	70.79	75.31	-0.28	...
Global	67.43	71.73	-0.50	...
Pacific	68.55	72.93	-0.76	...
UK Inc & Grth	65.52	69.70	-0.15	1.99
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St. Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
SRI Director Dlgs	101.84	108.46	-0.53	...
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	163.90	172.53	...	0.61
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd. Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	59.09	62.63	+0.17	2.19
Growth Income	63.68	67.50	+0.11	1.69
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	134.10	142.67	+0.85	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	92.61	98.52	-1.68	3.42
Conv & Gilt	122.10	129.80	-0.40	5.63
European Income	75.84	80.68*	-0.75	2.73
Extra Income	157.60	167.70*	+1.50	3.66
Far East	401.60	427.20	-8.30	0.24
Global Income	26.95	28.67	-0.08	4.22
High Income	118.80	126.40*	-0.20	3.37
International	205.30	218.40	-3.70	0.57
Pref & Fxd Int	43.38	46.15*	-0.03	7.06
Recovery	81.37	86.57	-0.13	2.12
Special Sits	109.20	116.20	-0.20	1.14
Technology	310.90	330.70	-8.90	...
UK Blue Chip	68.98	73.38	-0.26	2.82
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	51.97	55.29	-0.05	2.54
International	92.13	98.01*	-1.16	0.69
Gilt	25.54	26.33	...	6.71
Income & Gwth	72.76	77.40	-0.19	4.71
European	53.82	57.28*	-0.96	1.12
American	50.88	54.13	-1.04	0.05
Emerging Mkts	86.34	91.85	-1.99	0.55
UK Smaller Cos	32.95	35.05*	-0.01	1.54
Gilt/Fixed Interest	25.83	27.48*	-0.13	5.84
Global PEP	39.78	42.32	-0.50	1.45
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	266.00	284.90	-3.20	0.73
Japan Inc	115.60	123.50	-0.90	...
Nth American Inc	102.10	110.50	-2.40	0.12
Worldwide Inc	165.30	178.50	-1.90	0.72
Hong Kong Inc	142.90	157.50	-6.10	0.20
Swiss Equities Inc	66.73	71.69*	-0.67	0.35
Wwide Bond Inc	61.04	64.81*	-0.34	5.38
Emging Asia Inc	201.40	218.80	-2.30	0.40
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.36	50.36	...	4.85
Thailand Inc	137.80	148.80	-1.00	0.01
Gold Trust Inc	74.15	80.34	-1.53	0.17
New Zealand Inc	86.31	92.97	-1.35	1.18
Int Mngd PEP Inc	65.53	70.97*	-0.66	1.68
Latin Am Cmp Inc	74.66	80.90	-3.63	0.03
UK All Sh Mkt Inc	57.02	61.39*	-0.29	2.22
Le Fond Francais	67.18	72.42	-0.85	0.30
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.48	87.14	-0.78	1.47
Global Portfolio	72.77	78.00	-0.88	...
Global Opps	73.91	79.05	-1.11	0.43
Marsh Global Gth	68.68	73.49	-0.49	1.86
AAM Global Equity	57.72	61.40	-0.48	0.79
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	87.38	94.19*	-0.14	0.93
CAM Int Recvy Inc	46.46	50.57	-0.72	1.00
Temple Equity Inc	46.92	51.22	-0.29	2.28
Hartley Growth	79.41	84.48	+0.07	0.57
Intl Growth Inc	85.49	91.43	-0.62	1.42
IPS Portfolio Inc	88.24	94.91	-0.94	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	49.89	52.37	-0.31	2.45
Premier Pertns Inc	69.19	74.00	-0.59	0.87
Roxburgh Strat Gth	73.13	78.21	-0.65	0.34
Tech Analysis	104.00	110.60	-0.40	0.25
Rosebery Growth	41.84	45.33*	-0.25	...
International Strat	77.11	82.47*	-0.66	...
UFC Ind-Act Grth	55.53	59.25	-0.33	...
Covertdale Topout	51.47	55.70	-0.29	...
Prem Equity Inc	97.58	102.70	+8.06	0.59
Lowes Intl Growth	47.28	49.75	-0.22	1.13
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate. London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3963				
Equity Gth	166.50	177.10	-1.00	1.80
European Gth	96.57	102.30*	-0.60	0.40
Income & Gth	135.90	144.60	-1.00	2.43
Japan Gth	132.20	140.10*	-0.90	...
Nth Amer Gth	107.30	114.10*	-2.90	...
Overseas Gth	87.56	93.11*	-1.21	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4498 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	36.67	39.21*	-0.24	1.37
Cash Haven Inc	101.44	101.94	+0.01	3.90
Cash Haven Acc	108.57	109.10	+0.01	3.90
Dist Trust Inc	94.33	100.88	-0.47	4.96
Dist Trust Acc	94.33	100.88	-0.47	4.96
Global Growth	89.03	95.21	-0.44	1.11
Equity Inc	82.88	88.64	+0.17	3.40
Equity	709.70	759.03*	-1.18	2.31
European	209.29	223.83	-1.68	0.72
High Income	88.68	94.84*	-0.56	3.71
Intl Grth	181.38	193.98	-1.87	0.62
Intl Sm Co	80.49	86.08*	-0.90	0.24
Japanese	229.85	245.82*	-1.21	...
Nth Amer	159.01	169.77	-1.66	1.34
Pacific Mkts	103.49	110.68	-2.68	0.63
Premier Inc	48.14	50.11*	-0.05	5.23
Sm Cos	93.66	100.17	+0.23	1.82
Spec Sits	108.04	115.55	-0.23	2.18
UK Growth	118.13	126.34	-0.21	2.11
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS. LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	305.60	324.20*	-1.10	3.01
Reliance Inc	...	...	...	...
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Bulman House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	98.30	104.30	...	2.00
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5800				
FA America (Inc)	499.12	531.74	-12.09	0.59
FA America (Acc)	581.63	619.64	-15.13	0.59
FA UK Equity Inc	157.45	167.99	-0.24	3.37
FA Japan	294.17	313.13	-3.75	...
FA Major UK Cos	94.43	100.63	+2.31	2.28
FA Smllr UK Cos	307.31	333.62*	-0.02	0.80
FA European	311.26	328.75	-1.77	0.86
FA Amer SmllrCos	44.96	48.22	-0.68	...
FA Asia	51.33	55.28	-1.38	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	56.24	60.28	-0.81	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	92.59	97.46	-0.48	...
UK Smllr Cos	87.19	91.77	...	...
UK Income	90.36	95.11	-0.13	...
America	99.67	104.91	-2.57	...
Japanese	64.47	67.86	-0.81	...
European	98.71	103.91	-0.56	...
Gilt	84.28	88.71	-0.11	...
Deposit	80.09	84.30	+0.01	...
Managed	97.46	102.58	-0.55	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.29	95.03	-0.49	...
UK Smaller Cos	85.35	89.83	-0.01	...
UK Income	88.30	92.94	-0.14	...
America	97.20	102.31	-2.50	...
Japanese	62.91	66.21	-0.79	...
European	96.33	101.39	-0.55	...
Gilt	83.47	87.85	-0.03	...
Deposit	76.48	80.50	+0.01	...
Managed	92.78	97.66	-0.43	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 8UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	72.18	77.08	-1.53	0.11
Pacific Basin	85.80	92.14	-1.62	...
High Inc Dist	126.60	135.40*	-0.80	4.48
Ryl Life Int Cmry	59.31	63.07	-0.43	3.76
Ryl Life Intl Gth	68.61	73.25	-1.00	0.32
Ryl Life Intl Spec	63.44	67.48*	-1.13	...
UK Emerging Cos	120.00	129.70	-0.50	1.45
UK Index Trckg	162.70	173.30	-2.00	3.19
European	126.00	135.20	-0.70	0.28
Managed	144.00	154.80	-1.30	0.82
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	142.70	151.10	-1.90	0.46
European Growth	111.00	117.30	-0.80	0.54
Far East Growth	131.80	140.30	-1.60	0.24
Japan Growth	153.70	163.50*	-2.50	...
Special Sits	200.00	212.70*	-0.90	1.33
UK Growth	76.40	81.27	-0.53	2.03
Triton General	241.20	256.60*	-2.40	0.65
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	182.10	193.70	-2.90	0.36
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	352.00	372.50	-1.70	0.32
Growth Inc	134.60	142.40	-1.20	0.53
International Inc	346.40	366.60	-4.60	0.12
Nth Am & Intl Inc	320.70	339.40	-5.90	0.10
UK Gen Prog Inc	213.10	225.50	-1.00	0.62
UK High Inc Inc	137.80	145.80	+0.10	3.49
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DU 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	60.90	64.78	-1.17	...
Amer Smllr Cos	79.79	84.89	-1.63	...
Asian Gwth	114.07	121.35*	-2.60	0.75
European Gwth	69.92	74.38	-0.15	1.00
Global Bd	60.03	63.40*	-0.17	5.00
Global Eq	67.41	71.72	-0.77	0.50
Japanese Eq	62.58	66.57	-0.77	...
Japan Sm Cos	74.89	79.67*	-0.73	...
UK Gen	36.34	37.83	-0.41	2.80
UK Gwth	59.96	63.79	-0.38	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	67.45	71.76*	-1.25	3.98
Amer Smllr Cos	105.00	111.70	-2.60	...
Asian Smaller Cos	53.61	57.03	-1.06	...
Capital Portfolio	127.30	135.40*	-1.90	1.74
Capital	166.70	177.30	-1.50	0.31
Cash	122.60	122.60*	...	5.36
China Dragon	63.53	67.58	-2.44	0.74
Commodity	122.60	130.40	-2.60	0.60
Eastern Discovery	113.60	120.90	-1.90	...
Energy Inds	122.30	130.10	-1.60	0.16
European Gwth	194.50	206.90	-1.60	0.09
Euro Inc & Gwth	79.90	85.00	-0.77	1.89
Euro Smllr Cos	53.60	57.02	+0.05	...
Financial Secs	194.90	207.30	-2.80	0.59
Gilt & Fixed Inc	49.30	52.02*	-0.25	8.16
Gold & Exploration	79.35	84.42	-1.89	0.03
High Return	229.60	244.30	-1.60	4.04
High Yield	222.70	236.90*	-1.50	3.51
Income	121.70	129.50	-0.70	4.12
Intl Bond	165.70	175.00*	-0.80	5.50
ITU	210.30	223.70*	-2.90	0.50
Japan Growth	189.30	201.40	-1.20	...
Japan Smaller	215.40	229.10*	-1.80	...
Korea	76.04	80.89	-0.08	...
Masterfund	56.71	60.33	-0.39	0.54
Scotbits	288.70	307.10	-4.20	0.85
Scotshares	293.10	311.80	-1.80	1.34
Scotyields	237.00	252.10	-2.40	3.24
Select Intl	144.00	153.20*	-2.10	0.44
Smaller Cos Inc	256.40	272.80*	-0.10	2.96
SE Asia	584.40	621.70	-11.30	...
Special Situation	126.90	135.00	-0.90	0.51
UK Equity	241.30	256.70	-2.40	2.63
UK Growth	65.96	70.17*	-0.37	1.49
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	49.80	52.98	+0.05	1.00
US Growth	143.50	152.70	-2.20	0.11
Univ Growth	143.70	152.90*	-1.80	0.48
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800				
Retail Funds				
American	241.00	256.64	-3.66	0.70
European Gwth	75.30	80.22	-0.53	0.71
Euro Smlr Cos	75.16	80.17	-0.67	0.03
Far Eastern Gth	98.19	104.73	-1.38	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	52.34	55.18*	-0.09	7.53
Global Bond	51.63	54.39	-0.22	5.72
Global Emer Mkts	53.45	57.01*	-1.24	...
Income	354.36	377.98*	-0.05	3.58
Japan Smllr Cos	543.21	579.42	-5.64	...
Japan Enterprise	74.56	79.53*	-0.73	...
Pacific Gwth	136.35	145.43	-1.62	0.08
Seoul	52.77	57.12	-0.62	...
Smaller Cos	217.61	232.11	...	0.48
Tokyo	130.20	138.88*	-1.27	...
UK Enterprise	247.73	264.26	-0.29	2.02
UK Equity	239.64	255.61	-0.28	2.56
US Smllr Cos	148.09	157.96	-3.43	...
World Fd	79.72	85.03	-0.28	1.74
Institutional Funds				
European	233.68	243.41	-2.04	1.22
Euro Smllr Cos	29.71	30.94	-0.17	1.52
Global Equity Inc	76.00	79.16*	-1.21	0.62
Japan Smllr Cos	41.82	43.56	-0.37	0.02
Mngd Balanced	188.16	195.99	-0.89	2.53
Overseas Equity	187.19	194.98	-2.30	0.74
Oseas Smllr Cos	127.36	132.66	-1.52	0.38
Pacific	248.60	258.95*	-6.14	0.87
Recovery	120.00	120.84	-4.03	2.43
UK Index	152.86	159.24	-0.72	2.96
UK Small Cos	120.58	125.60	+0.08	1.27
US Smllr Cos	42.43	44.19*	-0.85	0.24
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St. Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	51.05	54.37	-0.44	2.93
Equity Trust	58.19	61.97	-0.54	2.39
Equity Strategy	70.13	74.69	-0.80	0.95
European Opps	87.49	93.18	-0.32	...
UK Smaller Cos	65.53	69.79	-0.05	0.97
Maximum Income	98.51	101.04	+0.01	4.66
Japanese	86.38	92.00	-0.74	...
Asia Pacific	127.70	136.00	-3.07	0.60
American	99.30	105.75	-1.63	0.41
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.08	30.08	...	4.454
UK General Inc	51.98	55.45	-0.33	2.54
Intl Income	287.10	306.20*	-2.40	1.58
European	78.41	82.97	-0.47	1.79
Japan	75.52	80.13	-0.68	0.10
American	63.06	66.75	-1.53	2.17
Far East	89.75	95.73	-2.00	0.60
Ethical Inc	31.76	33.96	-0.12	1.78
UK Blue Chip Inc	33.00	35.26*	-0.22	2.73
High Inc Inc	37.38	40.05	-0.06	3.51
UK Global Inc	40.80	43.48	-0.40	1.30
Wwide Tact	74.39	79.65*	-0.96	0.46
Europe 2000 Tact	52.27	57.22	-0.31	0.80
Technology	100.15	106.58*	-1.84	1.00
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	375.30	400.90	-0.80	2.71
American	250.30	266.10	-5.30	0.60
Pacific	405.90	433.70	-7.90	0.62
European	536.20	573.10	-4.40	1.04
Worldwide	91.80	98.25	-1.39	0.70
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St. Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	271.80	289.30	-1.20	2.18
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	211.10	224.60	-0.10	1.27
Select Opprty Inc	68.51	73.28*	-0.51	2.06
Income Plus Inc	73.03	77.70*	-0.76	3.48
European Inc	345.80	367.30*	-4.10	1.47
Far Eastern Inc	175.90	187.20*	-4.60	0.64
Japanese Inc	69.25	73.68*	-0.71	..
Nth American Inc	234.00	249.00*	-6.20	0.45
Intl Growth Inc	205.50	218.70	-6.30	0.45
Wwide Venture Inc	78.33	83.34*	-1.53	0.70
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 556 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	23.72	25.19	-0.03	2.55
Intl Growth Inc	31.47	33.68	-0.41	0.01
Market Leaders Inc	22.34	23.91	-0.18	2.87
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 655 3724				
Equity Inc	368.80	393.40	-2.50	2.78
UK High Inc	191.50	204.00	-1.20	3.48
Europe Inc	347.50	370.60	-0.40	0.44
Nth Amer Inc	205.30	218.90	-4.40	0.03
Global Inc	211.00	225.00	-2.50	0.35
UK Spec Sits Inc	106.70	113.80	-2.40	2.79
South East Asia	232.20	247.70	-4.70	0.68
Cash Trust Inc	101.30	101.30	...	4.30
UK Smllr Cos Inc	112.10	119.50	...	1.61
Intl Bond Inc	94.94	100.80	-0.40	6.65
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 060				
Sector Recovery	165.30	173.60	-0.70	3.84
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	124.20	130.70	...	0.79
Nth American	99.47	104.70	-1.90	0.43
Intl Bond & Conv	130.00	136.80	-0.80	4.33
Pooled Pension (I)	186.70	200.70	...	...
Smaller Cos	72.01	75.80	-2.49	1.23
UK General	128.80	135.60	+2.00	1.92
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	411.37	437.63*	-0.18	3.89
Global Inc	66.43	70.67*	-0.56	2.56
Brit Leaders	326.76	347.62*	-1.04	2.81
Intl Leaders	197.88	210.51*	-3.70	0.01
PAM Mg Bal Grth	63.66	66.14*	-0.43	0.68
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
Amer Gth Fund ‡	88.93	...	-1.45	1.30
Aztec ‡	95.69	...	...	...
European ‡	123.10	... †	-0.80	...
Global Bond ‡	98.41	... †	-0.50	6.75
Samurai ‡	99.89	... †	-1.61	...
UK Growth ‡	110.00	... †	+0.30	0.23
Tai Pan ‡	105.50	... †	-1.00	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St. London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	287.60	304.20	-3.20	0.42
Canadian	80.80	83.50	-1.04	0.19
Capital	133.10	142.50	-1.20	0.98
Cash	100.35	100.35*	+0.01	4.39
European	138.20	146.20	-0.30	0.31
Far Eastern	178.00	188.30*	-1.90	...
Growth	143.70	152.00	-1.20	1.10
Income	129.20	136.60*	-1.30	4.46
Magnum	142.30	152.40	-1.20	1.01
Smllr Secs	382.90	405.20*	-1.30	0.69
Thoroughbred	164.70	176.60*	-1.40	0.95
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd. Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	50.38	50.88	+0.01	4.20
Cntrld Prmnce	58.75	62.66	-0.08	7.60
Ethical	57.28	60.94*	-0.13	3.10
European Growth	72.35	77.17	-0.47	2.40
Income	56.73	60.51	-0.25	5.59
Intl Growth	97.69	104.20	-0.50	2.60
Managed	81.40	86.82	-0.51	3.50
UK Growth	62.18	66.32	-0.32	3.50
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD 3 George St. Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	50.23	53.37	-0.50	1.44
UK Equity Gth Acc	71.32	75.78	-0.50	1.24
-do- High Inc Inc	37.89	40.26*	-0.30	3.28
-do- High Inc Acc	45.94	48.82	-0.40	3.28
UK Equity Gen Acc	60.69	64.49	-0.60	2.11
UK Equity Gen Inc	45.39	48.23*	-0.50	2.11
UK Lrgr Co Acc	432.70	459.70	-3.90	3.29
UK Lrgr Co Inc	316.50	343.50*	-2.90	3.29
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	30.83	32.61*	-0.20	6.05
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	312.80	339.40	-3.90	1.44
Nth American Acc	42.68	45.35	-0.50	0.81
Far East Acc	71.13	75.58	-1.20	0.06
European Acc	52.72	56.02	-0.20	0.66
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street. London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.820	4.058	...	1.46
US Eqts (US$)	2.224	2.362	...	0.72
Far East Eqts (yen)	264.30	280.60	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	258.10	274.20	...	...
FT Europe	128.40	136.30	...	1.10
FT N Amer (US$)	1.684	1.786	...	0.87
FT Japan (yen)	242.10	257.10	...	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.458	2.610	...	0.58
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq. Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	352.30	376.60	-8.30	0.06
British	£10.61	£11.22	-0.60	3.25
Emging Mkts	150.10	159.90	-3.70	0.20
European	529.50	563.90	-1.60	0.98
Japan	169.80	180.40*	-1.40	...
New Pacific	379.20	406.70	-6.70	0.75
Investment Tst	230.00	243.80*	-1.80	0.98
Mngd Equity	178.10	188.40	-0.60	1.37
Mngd Cash	95.60	95.60	+0.01	4.51
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389				
Equity	814.90	871.60	-2.40	3.18
North America	124.20	132.80	-2.80	0.52
Far East	136.00	146.80	-3.40	...
Wwide Bond	57.78	61.34*	-0.39	4.61
European	106.00	113.40	-0.90	...
Equity Income	93.28	99.76	-0.20	4.51
Portfolio	86.34	92.34*	-1.10	0.93
UK Leading Cos	57.83	61.52	-0.16	3.96
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	69.80	74.65	-0.63	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	33.53	35.87	-0.44	0.57
Managed Assets	126.95	135.78	-0.67	2.60
UK Income	39.43	42.18	-0.23	2.89
UK Growth	38.68	41.37	-0.17	2.10
Worldwide Growth	35.08	37.52	-0.40	0.42
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101, Cannon St. London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Master Portfolio	50.01	53.49	-0.30	0.10
Cap Protector Inc	43.01	46.00	-0.13	2.36
UK Income Inc	52.79	56.46	-0.06	2.74
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.72	34.99	-0.07	3.37
Mngd High Yld Inc	81.30	86.95	-0.17	3.85
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	77.17	82.53	-0.10	2.50
Mngd Wwide Gth	37.92	40.56	-0.23	...
UK Smaller Cos	35.79	38.28	-0.01	1.39
Pacific Grth Port	45.89	49.08	-1.14	...
SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Equity Dist	329.60	360.40	-0.30	2.26
Fixed Int Dist	118.90	123.20	-0.30	7.73
UK Indx Trck Dist	128.10	135.60	-0.40	2.92
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	201.93	214.82	-8.61	...
Brit Growth	93.00	98.93*	-0.42	1.90
European	112.07	119.23	-1.20	0.37
Extra Income	202.57	215.50	-1.38	3.82
Smaller Cos	77.30	82.24*	-0.08	1.09
General	284.18	302.32	-2.31	2.18
Premier Income	51.79	53.95*	-0.96	5.86
Income	354.64	377.28	-2.46	3.38
Pacific	436.83	464.72	-12.90	...
International	555.42	590.87*	-12.24	0.16
Nat Resources	164.15	174.63*	-5.95	0.11
Slctd Opps	112.53	119.72*	-0.06	1.07
Environmental Inv	63.43	67.48	+0.41	1.79
Selector	65.53	69.71*	-0.75	2.13
High Income	65.66	69.85	-0.50	4.34
Intl Income	58.82	62.58*	-0.42	4.81
Selector Income	62.28	66.26*	-0.43	4.99
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 667 5085				
British	335.70	353.50	+0.60	2.53
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2EH 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	195.90	209.52	-2.69	1.81
Glob Balncd Inc	165.85	177.38	-2.94	3.02
Value Tst Inc	120.44	128.81	-1.34	1.56
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081				
Amer Smllr Cos	62.66	66.83*	-1.68	...
Dresdner Eur Bd	41.22	43.57*	-0.16	5.97
Japan Tst	93.87	100.12	-1.23	...
Little Dragons	97.04	103.50	-2.53	...
Oriental Income	48.68	51.92*	-0.89	4.77
Tiger	224.72	243.05	-6.81	...
UK Blue Chip	62.62	66.90	+0.16	2.96
UK Smllr Cos	105.44	112.77*	+0.10	1.04
Formerly AEtna				
Nth Amer Gwth	215.73	229.30	-4.77	0.68
European Growth	280.95	298.42*	...	0.86
Exempt	520.10	553.68*	+0.29	3.46
UK High Yield	105.86	112.61*	-0.25	3.40
Iberian Growth	46.83	49.81*	-0.17	0.03
Intl Growth	105.11	111.81*	-1.26	0.62
Preference	124.29	132.22*	-0.02	8.25
UK Recovery	272.86	290.28*	-0.85	1.86
UK Smlr Cos Div	104.15	110.79	+0.08	4.38
UK Growth	514.96	547.83*	-0.29	2.16
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	29.93	31.84	-0.71	...
Pacific Basin	39.76	42.29	-0.84	0.60
Can Balncd Gwth	31.82	33.85	-0.23	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.89	0.92	+0.00	5.96
Penny Share	29.69	31.58	-0.07	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane. London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0461				
Challenger	94.97	97.16	-1.19	...
Short Dtd Gilt	109.40	110.80*	-0.40	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.72	0.73	+0.00	2.27
Gilt Income	50.88	52.94*	-0.36	7.00
Gilt Growth	69.85	72.69	-0.54	...
City Reserve	52.32	52.32	...	4.30
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	78.84	83.86	-0.12	1.73

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

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Small gains on the day

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 11. Dealings end today. §Contango day April 25. Settlement day May 3. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
523	444	Abbey Nd	446¼	-17½	...	3.9	15.0
314	241	Allied Irish	248 †	-2	...	5.1	9.5
278½	220½	Aus New Z	228½	-½	...	6.0	18.0
3281½	2637½	Bankamerica	2906¾	+50	...	...	...
319	246	Bk of Ireland	260	-2	...	4.8	19.2
247	183	Bank Scotland	184	+½	4.6	3.2	25.0
640	487	Barclays	509 †	-7	...	3.7	21.1
37	13½	Carlisle	31½	-½	...	...	...
655	533	Cater Allen	545	...	28.0	6.4	...
180	138	Castles	150 †	...	...	4.2	15.4
2350½	1543½	Chase Manh	2237½	-40½	...	...	...
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2512½	-100	...	...	...
285½	217	Close Bros	247 ‡	-3	...	3.2	13.4
£150½	£130½	Commerzbk	£139½	+25	...	2.7	...
£344½	£297½	Deutsche Bk	£302½	+96½	...	2.0	...
90	60	First Nat Fin	71	...	...	2.6	...
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1446½	-24	...	0.4	...
515	395	Gerrard Nat	406	...	21.5	6.6	10.8
1113	720	HSBC	723 †	-22	23.5	4.1	∞
1133	740	HSBC HK	740 †	-17	23.5	4.0	∞
473	340	Hambros	348	-17	14.3	5.1	16.1
443	408	Joseph (L)	408	-10	16.7	5.1	...
170	132	King Shaxson	140	...	9.0	8.0	...
693	438	Kleinwort Ben	448 †	-17	...	5.2	∞
660	532	Lloyds	585 †	+48	...	4.7	12.3
118	95	Lon Scot Bk	108	+½	3.4	3.9	18.3
620½	537½	Nat Aust Bk	555	-5½	...	4.3	13.5
622	444	Nat West	445¾	-4½	...	5.2	10.2
573	450	Provident	482 †	-1	...	4.1	15.3
71	59	Rea Bros	71 †	...	...	1.3	18.3
528	394	Ryl Bk Scot	396	-5	...	3.5	17.9
1460	1050	Schroders	1208 †	-7	16.5	1.7	∞
1437	1003	Stand Chart	1015 †	-20	...	3.0	9.9
291	210	TSB	218	+5	...	4.4	14.9
199	148	Union	150 ‡	...	...	2.5	∞
1012	679	Warburg SG	689	-1	...	3.6	10.1
£101½	8612½	Wells Fargo	9562½	-231½	...	2.8	...
260	207	Westpac	219	-4	...	2.5	∞
390	310	Wintrust	350	...	...	3.4	31.3

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied-Lyons	585	+9	...	4.7	16.2
619	507	Bass	550	-5	...	4.5	14.7
298	257	Boddington	270	+3	...	3.7	15.1
459	389	Bulmer (HP)	398	...	...	3.3	15.0
193	168	Burtonwd Brw	168	...	4.7	3.6	14.0
187	142	Eldridge P 'A'▲	146	...	...	3.0	20.3
66	56	Fosters Brewing	57½	-½	...	5.0	87.6
493	423	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	436	...	7.5	2.2	18.3
506	427½	Grand Met	451	-3	...	3.6	19.6
511	420	Greenalls Grp	463	+4	...	3.3	15.7
584	476	Greene King	476	...	...	3.3	13.3
542	460	Guinness	465¾	+3½	...	3.4	14.7
261	239	Hardy Hansn	252	...	...	4.2	13.5
160	135	Heavitree▲	150	...	...	3.0	13.6
457	353	Highland Distl	401	-1	...	2.1	18.9
3225	3125	Holt J	3150	...	42.0	1.7	20.5
161	127	Macallan-Glen	143 †	...	...	1.0	39.5
455	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	195	Mansfield	196	...	...	2.6	14.0
302	262	Marston Thmp	265	...	...	2.6	14.8
595	548	Matthew Clark	553	...	...	4.1	31.7
250	125	Merrydwn W	143	...	7.0	6.1	12.8
545	463	Morland	463	...	...	2.6	15.9
11	9½	Paramount▲	9½	...	...	2.0	17.1
267	209	Regent Inns	239	...	...	2.1	24.3
1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1212½	+31½	...	2.3	20.0
591	510	Scot & New	526	-5	...	4.0	16.4
190	142	Taunton Cider	142	...	6.2	5.5	11.1
306	266	Vaux Group	298	...	...	4.0	19.2
403½	324½	Wetherspoon JD	370 ‡	-1	...	2.0	24.4
617	511½	Whitbread	544	-1	...	4.1	13.1
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	546	+6	...	2.9	15.3
530	483	Young 'A'	529	...	14.7	3.5	21.9

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	155	Abbey	170	...	...	1.5	27.9
27	18	Albrighton▲	20	...	...	0.6	...
200	148	Allen▲	181	+1	...	3.5	41.0
164	118	Amec	138	...	...	2.7	16.5
454	333	Ashtead▲	397	...	...	1.5	26.5
165	109	Attwoods	109½	-1½	...	5.8	...
363	309	BPB Ind	317	+1	...	3.0	37.9
127	93	Baggeridge Brk	119	...	...	3.3	35.8
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	37½	...	...	2.4	∞
88	65	Barcon	65	-1	...	5.8	7.8
60	47	Bardon	48½	...	2.0	5.3	∞
292	214	Barratt Devs	230 †	-3	...	2.6	25.7
304	230	Bellway	243	-2	...	3.1	22.8
59	46	Bellwinch	50	...	...	...	...
243	125	Berisford Intl	235	+3	...	...	...
573	476	Berkeley Gp	492	...	...	1.6	26.5
172	118	Bett Bros	170	+7	...	1.5	21.9
93	60	Blockleys	72	...	1.0	1.7	∞
391	315	Blue Circle	325	+1	...	4.4	28.1
355	277	Boot (Henry)	330	...	6.5	2.5	∞
117	89	Breedon PLC	94 †	-1	4.6	6.1	∞
154	130	Br Dredging	148	+8	5.2	4.4	32.8
98	78	Brit Fittings	86 †	...	2.0	2.9	∞
197½	149	Bryant	161½	-2½	...	3.7	24.6
145½	111½	CALA	118 ‡	...	...	2.7	...
409	348	CRH	389 †	-1	...	2.4	∞
70	31	Cakebread Rby	48	...	...	...	...
42	27½	Costain	33	...	...	...	9.8
186	152	Countryside	154	+1	...	3.3	34.2
120	90½	Crest Nicholson	108	+2	...	1.2	...
140	103	Cussins	122	...	3.0	3.1	∞
27½	19	Edmond Hldgs	27½	...	0.3	1.4	∞
340	273	Epwin	330	...	...	2.9	21.4
82	57	Erith	75	+1	1.0	1.7	∞
473	435	Eve Group▲	453	...	...	2.8	17.1
60	41	Galliford	45	+2	...	2.8	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	106	...	2.5	2.9	∞
1028	913	Gleeson (MJ)	970	...	...	1.6	16.9
218	195	Graham Grp	209	...	...	2.8	20.0
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	166	...	2.9	2.2	∞
53	46	Hewetson	53	...	...	2.9	39.1
473	383	Heywd Wlm	408 †	...	...	4.0	27.2
145	132	Higgs & Hill	137	-1	...	2.3	...
34	27	How Gp	31½	+½	...	4.5	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	23	...	0.5	2.2	...
100	83	Ibstock Johnsen	83	...	1.0	1.5	∞
25	16	Jarvis	23	...	...	...	...
428	305	Laing (J)	361 †	+2	9.0	3.1	∞
164	122	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	130 †	-½	...	5.8	...
145	115	Ln Clydesdale▲	130	...	...	4.6	25.5
173	105	Lovell (YJ)	125	...	...	...	...
405	332	Manders	350 †	+3	...	3.5	18.9
217½	154	Marley	174 †	-3	...	3.0	28.5
155	128	Marshalls	136	...	...	3.3	...
257	196	Maunders (J)	243 †	...	...	2.7	21.4
330	240	McAlpine (A)	253 †	-10	...	3.2	33.3
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	63 †	...	...	1.0	...
549	476	Meyer Int	485	+9	...	2.6	48.6
185½	97½	Mowlem (J)	101 †	...	...	2.4	...
252	150	NSM	240	-2	...	...	...
48	36	Needler▲	36	...	...	...	...
196	165	Newman Tnks	165 †	...	6.2	4.7	∞
339½	283	Persimmon	289 ‡	+2	...	3.9	25.9
20	9	Phoenix Timber	16	...	...	...	...
1801	1450	Pochins	1450	...	39.0	2.5	20.6
198	173	Prowting	175	-3	3.4	2.4	...
1079	916	RMC Gp	967	-10	...	2.8	28.8
116	84½	Raine Ind	87 †	...	...	2.0	18.9
40	23	Ramus▲	30	...	...	...	...
640	524	Redland	535 †	+7	...	5.8	32.3
86	70	Roskel	82 †	+1	4.3	6.6	...
371	288	Rugby Group	302 †	+5	...	2.8	20.4
64	50	Svrild-Rvea	60	...	0.5	1.0	...
189	159½	Sharpe & Fisher	158 †	...	...	3.3	∞
288	249	Sheffield Ind	259 †	...	...	2.6	20.8
270	231	Sherif Hldgs▲	249	...	...	1.7	25.6
137	94	Sherns▲	137	+13	5.2	4.8	∞
245	218	Smart (J)	218	...	...	4.9	16.4
5	2	Stormin	3½	...	...	...	...
200	167½	Tarmac	178	+2	5.5	3.9	...
257	192	Tay Homes	214 †	...	...	3.5	23.0
183	136	Taylor Woodrw	162 †	-½	1.5	1.2	∞
760	620	Tilbury Dougls	704	...	33.0	6.1	∞
60	36	Totex Hire▲	52	...	...	1.4	...
370	300	Travis Perkins	308 †	...	...	3.2	24.9
39	16	Trencherwood	24	-1	...	...	...
40	25½	Try Group	26 †	...	...	2.4	∞
28	21	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.3	...
113	90	Vibroplant	94	...	2.5	3.3	33.8
74	52	Ward Hldgs	69	...	...	...	...
45	33	Waterhouse	40	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	510	...	12.0	3.0	∞
225	192	Westbury	193	...	5.0	3.2	30.1
7	3½	Wiggins	6½	...	...	...	...
571	464	Wilson Bowdn	464	-3	...	3.5	17.2
254	185	Wilson (C)	203	...	4.1	2.6	∞
249	191	Wimpey G	200 †	+2	...	3.3	29.9
30	20	YRM	27	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	640	-3	...	...	...
435	253	Adam & Harvey	438	+5	13.0	3.7	8.0
83	63	Air London▲	71	...	3.5	6.2	12.7
62	44	African Lakes	54	...	...	1.2	...
140	92½	Auto Sec	109	...	...	7.0	∞
162	120	BET Ord	128	+3	...	2.2	5.2
177	115	BNB Res	164 †	+2	4.9	3.7	∞
258	188	BPP	193 †	...	...	5.7	14.1
186	152	BSM	165	...	...	4.4	14.0
235	205	Barbour Index	210	...	8.1	4.9	14.3
1	1	Black & Edge▲	1½	...	...	...	...
23	17	Boustead	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
220	169	Brit Data Mgt	179 †	...	4.9	3.4	13.0
31	22	Broadcastle▲	27 †	...	...	4.6	12.9
76	58	Brooks Service	67	...	1.5	2.8	∞
121	98	CRT Gp	107 †	+1	...	3.5	19.3
238	205	Capita Group	235 †	...	2.5	1.4	∞
59	47½	Caskel Plc	50½	-½	...	2.2	19.4
30½	7½	Chiltern Capital	29½	...	...	...	...
75	63	Christie	68	...	...	...	...
423	341	Chubb Sec	372	...	...	1.8	23.1
132	104	Comac	121	...	...	1.6	31.2
67	41	Corp Services	56	...	0.2	0.6	∞
77	61	Coutts Cnslig	70½	...	...	...	...
179	142	Dart	161	...	3.3	2.6	21.8
270	235	Davis Service	244	...	...	4.2	16.9
154	119	EW Facts▲	133 †	...	4.7	4.5	∞
34	25	Gardiner	25½	...	...	3.6	11.4
334	292	Hays	300	...	...	2.3	23.0
290	245	Hogg Robinsn	261	+1	...	3.2	19.0
39	31	Holmes Protectn	32	...	...	...	2.0
305½	255½	Hutch Whamp	274½	-9	...	1.8	22.7
2465½	2086½	ISS B D&r	2250½	-9½	...	0.9	12.8
654	511	Inchcape	561 †	+1	...	3.3	19.2
1025	864	Johnson Clean	977 †	...	22.0	3.5	∞
5	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
375	297	Mitie Gp	358	+3	4.0	1.4	24.7
1501	1156½	Manpower	1243½	-34½	...	...	...
79½	68	Michael Page	77½	+½	2.1	3.5	∞
115	108	Pennia▲	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
99½	70½	Proudfoot	70 †	...	...	6.4	...
425	355	RCO	385	...	15.2	4.9	13.0
110	[illegible]	REA	110	...	2.0	2.3	...
127	104	Reed Executive	122	...	...	...	...
131	106	Reliance Secs▲	115	...	4.5	4.9	30.2
254	229	Rentokil	228½	-2½	2.8	1.6	∞
300	256	Rolfe & Nolan	308	...	...	3.0	21.1
292	254	Salvesen (C)	262	+2	...	3.8	17.4
54	43	Scott Pickford▲	48	...	0.8	2.1	15.3
17½	11	Select Appts▲	13½	+½	...	...	...
327	263½	Serco Gp	290 ‡	-3	...	1.5	∞
115	75	Sherwd Cmpa	91	-3	...	2.4	...
130	101	Sketchley	121	...	...	3.1	27.7
138	125	Warner Howrd	135	...	6.6	2.5	17.5
35	24	Welpac	26	...	...	...	...
34½	25½	Wills Gp	26½	-½	...	2.0	18.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	231	Allied Colloids	267	+1	...	2.0	24.6
1141	900	Amersham	1023	-1	...	1.7	29.4
3½	3	Anglo Utd	3	-½	...	...	...
£137½	£106½	BASF DM	£127	-9½	...	3.5	...
371	314	BTP	330	+3	...	3.5	27.1
£159	£129½	Bayer DM50	£154½	-181½	...	2.8	...
155	105	Blagden	132	...	1.5	1.4	14.2
137	99	Brent Chem▲	123 †	...	...	4.1	...
460	415½	Br Bio-Tech	428 †	-2	...	...	22.2
11	5½	Caird Gp	8	+½	...	...	...
190	153	Canning (W)	183	...	7.2	5.1	∞
567	470	Courtaulds	544	-2	...	3.3	13.6
394	327½	Croda	362 †	+3	...	2.9	18.5
133	109	[illegible]	128 †	...	4.6	4.5	∞
292	227	Ellis & Everard	262	-3	...	3.5	22.0
45½	19½	Euro Colour	45½	...	0.8	2.4	21.8
391	307	Halstead (J)	340 †	...	...	2.5	15.9
221	174	Hickson	217 †	-3	...	4.6	20.9
£185½	£160½	Hoechst	£178½	-75	...	2.7	...
225½	151½	Holliday Chem	208 ‡	+3	...	2.4	∞
915	739	ICI	804½	+9½	...	4.3	65.0
810	722	Laporte	784 †	+1	...	3.3	21.3
249	190	Leigh	199	-1	...	4.9	17.5
73	48	MTM	64	+2	...	...	...
2437	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2125	-6½	...	1.5	∞
622	461	Paterson Zoch	538 †	-15	...	3.0	14.2
606	416	-do- 'A'	408 †	-15	...	3.1	13.4
250	215	Plysu	230	-9	...	4.0	18.7
417	365	Porvair	367	...	...	1.5	26.0
66	54	Sutcliffe Speak	56	...	...	...	...
450	425	Wardle Storeys	428	...	...	5.1	22.2
655	570	Wolstenholme R	655 †	...	...	3.4	10.8
483	390	Yorks Chem	424	...	...	2.4	20.1
322½	258	Yule Catto	322	...	6.2	2.5	∞
860	681	Zeneca	682 †	-5	...	5.0	13.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
80	42	Alexon	43	...	...	...	...
248	203	Allders	222	...	...	3.4	16.6
410	339	Argos Plc	388 †	+3	...	2.7	19.7
11½	6	Ashley Group	6½	+½	...	3.6	...
102	72	Ashley (Laura)	87	+1	8.1	0.1	∞
357	305	Asprey	321	...	5.2	2.0	20.7
199½	176	Austin Reed	199½	-22½	...	3.5	∞
168	145	Beattie (J) 'A'	147	...	...	5.2	14.8
150	110	Bentalls	132	+2	2.0	1.9	∞
165	121	Betterware	122	-1	...	2.2	14.6
44	36	Blacks Leis	41	...	2.2	6.9	...
261½	215	Body Shop	220	...	...	1.0	28.4
12½	2½	Brown & Jacksn	6½	...	...	...	...
491	420	Brown (N)	464	...	...	2.0	27.3
74½	51	Burton	52	-½	...	4.8	77.7
245	190	Cantors	190	...	...	2.6	26.5
520	390	Church	395 †	...	...	4.1	22.7
171	148	Clinton Cards	155 †	...	4.7	3.8	∞
287	225½	Coats Viyella	240 †	-1	...	4.2	21.0
120	65	Colourvision▲	65	...	3.6	10.8	11.7
170	157	Cty Casuals	165	+3	...	3.3	∞
903	843	Courts Furnish	843	...	5.6	0.8	10.6
210	155	Crown Eyes▲	175	-5	7.5	5.4	12.0
137	92½	Dairy Farm Intl	104½	+3½	...	3.7	∞
122	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	119½	...	1.4	1.5	∞
287	193	Dixons Grp	199	+6	...	4.0	...
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	-½	...	...	...
590	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	17.0	3.8	∞
284	217	Essex Furn	251	-1	...	1.9	40.2
266	217	Etam	241	+8	7.5	4.0	∞
558	492	Fine Art Dev	497	-2	13.0	3.3	16.2
50	46	Fired Earth Tiles	50	...	...	...	...
715	660	Forminster	710	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
155	134	French Conns▲	145	...	...	...	...
73	66	Gent SR	66 †	-1	...	4.3	20.5
114	85	Goldsmiths Gp	112	-1	...	1.2	∞
653	558	GUS	600	-3	...	2.4	18.6
31	21	Hampden Grp▲	23	...	...	5.4	...
82	53	Harstone	57	...	...	...	...
110	88	Heritage▲	88	...	...	...	...
91	68	Honeysuckle▲	78 †	...	...	4.5	10.3
221	173	Jacques Vert	175	...	...	2.5	13.4
778	544	Kingfisher	604	+10	...	3.1	∞
88	74	Leslie Wise Gp	74	...	...	6.8	15.6
565	525	Liberty	535	-10	7.2	1.7	∞
380	328	Lloyds Chem	328 †	-1	...	3.0	10.9
184	158	MFI	165	+½	...	2.9	75.0
460½	403½	Marks Spencer	427	+2½	...	2.5	21.8
680	569	Menzies (John)	634	...	...	2.2	16.5
288	238	Moss Bros	279	+1	5.5	2.5	32.8
251	214	Next	231	-5	...	3.0	13.1
67	39	Oliver (G)	67	...	...	...	72.1
335	255	Ostlame Intl	275	...	...	4.5	13.5
41	25	Pentos	33	...	...	...	...
288	225	QS Hldgs	228	...	5.1	2.9	∞
62	33	Rhino Grp▲	35	-1	0.5	1.8	∞
209	176	Rosebys	188 †	...	4.6	3.1	∞
180	130	Sherwood Gp	142	...	...	2.6	∞
132	113	Sears	127½	+3½	...	3.4	51.3
41½	29½	Signet Group	39½	+1	...	...	...
549	484	Smith WH 'A'	502	-2	...	3.7	16.2
127	115	-do- B	120½	...	...	3.1	19.4
21	11	Specialeyes▲	14	...	...	...	...
252	212	Storehouse	218	-2	...	2.9	21.6
198	146	T & S Stores	181 †	...	6.1	4.2	∞
173	135	Tie Rack	146	-8	1.2	1.5	∞
265	234	Time Products	234	-2	7.7	4.1	20.2
132	111	Usher (Frank)▲	115	+3	6.0	6.5	12.5
465	384	Vendome	457	-2	...	1.7	21.0
44	34	Vivat	41 †	...	1.2	3.8	∞
70	42	WEW Group	45	+2	...	1.7	32.9
49	42	Wensum▲	42	...	1.8	5.6	...
129	102	Wickes	110	...	...	1.1	26.2
89	54	Wld of Leather▲	84	...	...	...	...
195	175	Wyevale	181 †	...	4.4	3.0	∞
2½	2	Xtra-vision▲	2½ #	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	137	ACT Group	173	+2	...	3.6	17.4
269	248	Acal▲	268 †	...	...	3.1	20.3
558	478	Admiral	558 †	+6	...	1.4	20.5
190	163	Alba	173 †	...	...	3.5	19.7
42	34	Alphameric	37	...	...	...	...
50	31½	Amstrad	33 †	+1½	...	1.9	...
105	73	App Holo▲	93	...	...	...	...
39	27	Arlen	28	...	...	...	...
94½	80	Astec	87 †	-½	...	1.1	21.5
271	242½	Azlan	259	...	...	1.4	30.8
283	239	Beales Hunter	265	...	...	4.5	16.4
4½	2½	Bennett & Fount	2½ #	...	...	...	...
478	393	BICC	443	+8	...	5.6	31.5
535	490	Blick	502	...	...	2.5	18.5
1100	750	Borland▲	850	...	...	...	...
380	325	Bowthorpe	326 †	...	...	2.6	17.9
486	380½	BT	383½	+2	...	5.3	18.5
387	262½	BT PP	264½	+2	...	5.2	18.2
20	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	15½	...	0.1	0.8	...
79	58	Burnfield	68 †	...	...	4.6	52.9
543	424	Cable Wireless	453½	...	...	2.1	23.7
39½	24	Chloride	34½	...	...	...	...
276	268	CML Micro▲	276	...	4.7	2.1	30.1
182	105	Comptr People	178	...	1.5	1.1	∞
202	159½	Cray Elect	180	+4½	...	1.2	17.5
447	414	Critchley	414	...	...	1.4	23.8
560	482	Delta	523 †	+1	...	3.5	23.3
643	446	Densmann El▲	640	...	...	1.2	20.6
538	400	Domino	473	...	...	2.1	20.3
77	71	Dowding Mills	77 †	+1	...	4.1	25.8
1635	1220	Druck▲	1405	...	10.3	0.9	28.2
599	506	Electrocomps	512	-2	...	2.1	28.8
199½	178	El Data Prc	179	...	...	1.5	15.3
175	133	Electron House	141	...	...	2.4	20.2
35	21	Emess	30½	...	0.1	0.4	∞
405	359½	Eurotherm	398 ‡	+1	...	1.5	27.0
212	183	FKI	198	+1	...	2.1	29.0
656	546	Farnell Elect	564	+5	...	1.5	29.9
75	65	Feedback▲	64	...	...	3.0	8.7
336	296	First Tech	303	...	...	0.8	25.2
262	215	Forward Gp▲	241	...	4.0	2.1	17.0
39½	14½	Forward Tech	35	-½	...	0.9	75.2
359½	288	GEC	313½	+½	10.4	4.2	15.7
191	159	Graseby	160 †	...	...	3.2	14.8
14½	11	Graystone	13½	...	...	0.0	...
48	39	Hillcrest▲	43	...	0.5	1.5	...
193	149	Ind Control	155 †	-3	...	2.7	13.8
388	333	Jones Stroud	333	...	...	3.4	13.4
131	99	Kalamazoo	118	-1	2.7	2.9	27.4
14	9½	Kenbray	10	...	0.1	1.9	...
398	369	Kenwood App	368	...	...	2.6	20.7
298	221	Kewill Sys▲	251	-2	...	...	...
165	116	Kode	116 †	...	...	6.5	16.6
33	19	Laser-Scan▲	22	...	...	...	...
148	95	LBMS▲	99	...	0.7	0.9	14.0
300	255	Lec Refrig	265	+5	...	4.4	...
171	126	Life Sciences	131 †	...	...	3.7	13.8
314	220	Logica	284 †	...	...	1.8	32.7
52	47	LPA Ind▲	51	...	...	4.1	...
216	189	MR Data Mngmt	201	+1	...	3.4	22.4
723	636	Macro 4	640 †	...	...	3.8	19.2
281	209	Mervier-Sw▲	220	+2	...	2.2	19.2
1138	798	Micro Focus	803	-47	...	...	7.7
178	145	Microgen	148	+1	...	6.1	14.9
38½	31	Microvitec▲	35	...	...	...	...
569½	478	Misys	494 †	+6	...	1.9	18.0
494	234	Mitel	234	-19	...	...	...
178	143	MMT Comp▲	171	...	...	2.9	23.3
37	22½	Molynx	27	...	1.3	7.1	...
310	250	MTL Inst▲	310 †	...	...	1.7	30.0
148	141	Multitone Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
148	128	Murray Ent	135	-2	...	1.9	...
2760½	2300	NYNEX	2362½	+50	...	...	...
128	84	Neotronics	97	...	...	3.4	16.9
55	53	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
371	279	Norbain▲	310	+4	...	0.6	23.9
66	47	Northamber	66	...	0.6	1.1	...
9½	7	Oceonics	7½	...	...	...	...
358	290	Oxford Inst	291	...	4.6	2.0	20.0
87	62	P & P	71 †	...	...	3.7	17.0
98	77½	Peek	85½	+½	...	5.1	14.2
235	184	Pegasus▲	189	+1	...	3.4	20.5
£105	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£105	...	...	3.5	...
2021½	1400	-do- Lmp nv	1937½	-9½	...	0.9	9.1
440	330	Phonelink▲	425	...	...	...	...
340	283	Pifco	334 †	...	...	1.6	28.0
330	283	-do- 'A' Voting	324 †	...	...	1.7	27.2
90	70	Plasmec▲	90	...	3.0	4.3	∞
121	100	Pressac	115 †	...	...	2.8	23.5
263	181	Psion▲	263 †	+3	2.8	1.3	∞
240	187	Racal Elect	230	-3	4.2	2.3	13.7
80	33	Radamec	36	...	...	5.2	7.7
39	27	Radius▲	31	...	0.4	1.8	∞
118	73	Real Time▲	104	...	...	3.6	21.3
577	507	Sage Gp	560	...	...	2.2	17.2
350	310	Sanderson Elec	323	...	9.9	3.8	13.8
89	72	Scantronic	73	...	3.1	5.4	20.0
212	162	Scholes Grp	190 †	+1	...	3.3	20.0
405	380	Sema Gp	405	...	...	1.0	24.3
270	230	Servomex	261 †	...	...	3.1	20.3
49	41	Silvermines	44	+2	...	2.8	...
94	63	Soundtracks▲	76	...	...	3.9	19.1
3118½	2265½	TDK	2975	-21½	...	1.1	33.8
19	11	TDS Circuits▲	12	...	...	...	...
170	103	Telemetrix	105 †	-23	1.0	1.2	∞
282	191	Telspec	265	...	...	1.2	33.0
1165	970	THORN EMI	1129	-10	...	3.5	28.2
196	133	Thorpe FW	188 †	...	...	1.9	16.8
43	34	Total Systems▲	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
303	280	Tunstall	284	+2	...	1.5	20.3
324	256	Unitech	321	...	...	2.4	34.6
16	12	Verity	12	...	...	...	...
31	22	Vistec▲	27½	-½	0.3	1.7	16.2
637	496	Vodafone	512	+12	...	1.9	22.3
483	444	Volex	460	...	18.1	4.9	18.9
31	20	Western Selecin	29	-1	0.2	1.1	...
335	285	Wholesale Ftgs	324	...	11.7	4.5	34.4

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	574	East Midlands	598	+5	...	4.3	10.6
725½	613½	Eastern Elect	630	-1	...	4.0	12.0
477	337	Hydro-Elect	348	+4	...	4.2	12.2
739½	565	London Elect	602	+8	...	4.4	11.3
850	697	Manweb	705	+2	...	3.6	8.8
767	600	Midlands Elec	633	+6	...	4.2	10.0
505	420	National Powr	441½	-½	...	3.1	10.9
801	633	Northern Elec	661	-4	...	4.3	8.6
301	226	Nthn Ireland	227	-10	...	3.6	11.6
806	627	Norweb	668	+2	20.8	3.9	9.6
582	483	PowerGen	493	-2	...	2.8	12.0
486	358	Scottish Power	367	+3	...	3.9	13.6
435	317	Seeboard	332	+6	...	3.9	10.4
825	656	Sth Wales	664	+7	...	4.5	10.2
743	613	Sth Western	618	-1	...	4.5	9.1
745½	611	Southern Elec	617	+3	...	4.2	8.2
729½	594	Yorkshire Elec	609	-7	...	4.4	11.5

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
165	117	BWD▲	117	...	4.0	4.3	18.5
118	96	Baltic Plc	107 †	...	...	1.8	11.9
215	175	Biotec Inv	175	...	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	680	...	...	2.8	25.3
2500	1900	Camellia	2359½	...	...	1.6	8.9
363	318	Candover	328 †	...	...	4.2	...
465	367	Govett	385	...	...	4.9	7.9
250	185	Ivory Sime	217	...	...	4.0	18.7
428	245	Johnson Fry	258	...	...	...	...
245	186	Lon Forfaitng▲	186	...	...	6.2	11.6
82	77	Mamatin	77	...	...	...	...
25½	8½	Nat Home Loans	15½	...	...	...	0.3
58	53	Newmarket	56	-1	...	...	...
365	308	Rathbone Bro	309	...	...	3.1	15.9
29	21½	Rutland Tst	26½	...	...	4.1	13.4
400	310	S & U	371	+15	10.2	3.4	13.8
114	85	Singer & Fried	98	...	...	4.1	11.7
1260	1063	Sotheby's	1130	-20	...	1.4	...
188	131	SJP Capital	150	-2	3.0	2.5	61.9
224	203	Towry Law	212	...	...	2.7	20.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2300	1950½	Amer Express	1993½	-31½	...	...	...
229	184	Gartmore	192	...	...	2.6	22.2
1208	945	Henderson Ad	945	...	...	5.6	21.8
251½	166	Invesco	180	-2	...	2.5	18.9
317	274½	Jardine Strat	285½	-½	...	3.2	∞
323	260	MAI	271 †	-1	...	3.2	14.8
770	580	MAM	590	-5	16.0	3.4	14.7
1263	923	M & G	923	...	...	3.4	19.3
496	343	Smith New Ct	343	-7	...	2.6	3.4
65	34	Trio Hldgs	34	-2	...	9.2	11.0

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	541	AB Food	581	+3	...	3.2	12.0
66	54½	ASDA Group	55	+½	1.6	3.8	...
368	319	Acatos & Hutch	321	...	...	3.1	11.8
75	57	Albert Fisher	57	-6	...	8.5	12.2
306½	229½	Argyll	229½	-4½	...	6.3	8.3
270	220	Banks (S C)	253	...	9.0	4.4	9.6
358	305	Barr (AG)	320	...	...	2.5	20.6
72	56	Bensons Crsps▲	58 †	...	...	6.1	19.2
481	402	Booker	402 ‡	-4	...	6.8	∞
56½	48	Borthwick	53	...	...	2.8	65.8
505	460	Brake Bros	460	...	6.8	1.9	∞
43	27	Budgen	28	...	...	5.8	8.5
545	462	Cadbury-Schw	465 †	-2	...	3.9	15.8
232	143	Carrs Milling	187	...	...	2.9	13.6
167	135	Cranswick	138	...	...	7.2	13.0
17	13	Culleus	13	...	0.5	4.8	37.3
154	98	Dalepak	109	...	...	5.7	31.8
543	440	Dalgety	446 †	-3	...	5.8	13.0
87	50	Daniels S	77 †	...	...	0.5	∞
294	244½	Devro	258 †	+1	...	2.7	∞
101	60	Everest	74 †	+3	...	6.2	14.1
398	358	Farepak	393	...	5.9	1.9	24.2
8½	6	Feringford	6	...	...	...	...
85	70	Finlay (James)	79	...	...	6.6	26.2
105	94	Fyffes	102	...	...	1.7	17.5
371	229	Geest	230	-1	8.1	4.5	∞
20½	14	Global▲	17	-½	0.5	3.7	∞
68	46	Grand Central	47	...	0.8	2.1	...
194	137	Hazlewood Fds	139	...	...	5.8	7.8
196½	159	Hillsdown	173	+3	...	6.6	13.3
211	147	Iceland Group	164 †	...	...	2.9	10.5
111	100	JLI Group	106	...	...	5.5	11.7
656	558	Kwik Save	558	-2	...	4.1	10.1
193	138	Low (Wm)	147	+9	...	7.3	5.1
113	85	Matthews (B)	96 †	...	...	3.3	15.3
18	10½	Merchant Retail	10½	-½	0.9	11.3	21.5
128	99	Morrison (W)	121 †	-1	...	1.0	∞
246	226	Nichols (JN)	228 †	...	...	3.2	15.2
271½	208½	Nthn Foods	222	...	...	4.8	10.9
13	9	Nthmbrn Fra▲	11	-1	...	...	...
232	180	Nurdin Peack	222	...	...	3.8	12.3
124	89½	Park Foods	119	-1	...	2.3	27.5
81	64	Perkins Food	69 †	...	...	8.1	∞
141	111	PizzaExpress	124 †	...	...	0.5	26.2
5½	2½	Regina Hlth▲	3	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	351½	-4½	...	3.7	12.3
96	73	Sentry Farm▲	88 †	...	2.2	3.2	∞
122	79	Sims Food	79	-1	...	10.3	15.2
467½	395	Tate & Lyle	426	...	...	3.8	11.3
254	207	Tesco	207	-4	...	4.8	9.2
198	162	Thorntons	179 †	-2	...	2.7	...
229	145	Trent▲	214	...	...	2.3	17.4
434½	346	Unigate	384	...	...	5.3	12.6
388	324	Utd Biscuits	335 †	-1	...	5.7	14.2
21	18	Usborne	19½ #	...	...	3.4	14.4
422	279	Watson & Phil	371	...	...	4.8	15.5
49	34	West Trust	40	-1	...	8.4	...

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
34	26	Abrdn Stk Ha▲	34	...	...	...	...
94	79	City Centre Rest	83	...	1.7	2.7	∞
285	232	Forte	237	+2	...	4.0	38.3
207	174	Friendly Hotels	184	...	5.7	3.9	∞
169½	142½	Jurys Hotel	147½	+4½	...	4.3	11.9
217½	162½	Ladbroke	186 †	-1	...	4.0	51.6
109½	83	Mandarin Orntl	86	-4½	...	4.0	∞
31	18½	Ryan Hotels E	23	...	...	5.4	...
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1125	-5	1.7	0.2	∞
91	60½	Stakis	91 ‡	+2	...	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	36	AAF Inds	46	...	...	23.9	2.8
544	439	AAH	446	-1	...	4.9	14.9
185	140	AIM	174	...	...	5.4	21.3
138	116½	APV	132½	+3½	...	5.1	∞
185	157	ASW	194 †	...	...	3.9	∞
202	172	Adwest	188 †	+1	...	4.9	20.2
20½	16	Aerospace Eng	16	...	...	5.9	77.9
312	261	Airsprung	262	...	...	2.2	16.7
224	192	Alendra W	224	...	5.6	3.2	∞
12	6½	Allied Radio	6½ #	-½	...	...	...
330	283	Alumasc	312	...	...	2.4	17.4
72½	39	Alvis	70	+3	...	1.8	12.6
745	705	Amber Ind	705	...	...	3.4	16.1
68	45	Amberley Gp▲	50	...	1.0	2.5	...
81	73	Anagen	74	...	...	...	...
95	68	Andrews Sykes	91	...	...	4.1	...
1285	998	Antofagasta	1250	-5	...	1.6	...
62	48	Armour	53½	...	...	3.9	12.5
175	168	Ash & Lacy	171 †	...	6.4	4.2	∞
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	5	...	...	1.3	65.4
625	474	Avon Rubber	590	...	...	3.4	21.1
300	265	Assoc Nursg▲	286	...	...	0.4	17.7
553	490	Atlas Equip	538	...	22.0	5.3	∞
95	66	Ayrshire Metal	91	...	1.5	2.1	∞
236	192	BBA	222 †	+1	...	4.1	...
145	115	BLP Group▲	145 †	...	1.0	0.9	∞
44	24½	BM Gp	40½	...	...	...	...
745	627	BOC	673	-5	...	4.3	26.5
89½	62	BSG	79½	+1½	3.2	5.0	∞
578	531	BSS Group	531	-2	...	4.1	28.6
390	344	BTR	387½	+4½	...	4.0	20.1
176	148	BWI	160	-2	...	5.3	19.9
45½	29½	Babcock	37	+3½	...	4.2	22.1
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	...	...	...	...
270	228	Baird (Wm)	238	-1	8.9	4.8	∞
487½	368½	Barlow	431½	...	...	7.6	7.9
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	74 †	...	...	2.8	20.2
25½	19½	Beauing Power	20½	...	...	4.6	13.0
35	23	Beauford	29	-1	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)▲	34	...	...	...	...
19½	13	Benson Group	13½	...	...	2.8	10.2
393	300	Bespak	315	-2	10.2	4.0	9.9
91	66	Bilby (J)	79	...	...	3.2	...
226	200	Billam (J)	212 †	...	...	3.1	13.2
32	26	Biston Burnes▲	27	...	...	...	...
10	3½	Bimec Ind	6½	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	266	...	3.7	1.8	13.8
44	30	Black Arrow	39	...	2.1	6.7	12.2
283	248	Black (Peter)	248 †	...	3.8	2.0	19.4
863	543	Bluebird Toys▲	728 †	+15	...	2.7	7.7
329	262	Bodycote	294	...	5.2	2.3	∞
60	33	Bogod 'A'	36	...	0.7	2.4	13.4
601	504	Boots	529½	-4½	...	3.2	20.9
60	43	Booth Inds	44	...	...	...	...
524	430	Bowater	432 †	-2	...	3.6	16.3
1647½	1381½	Bowater Inc	1412½	+31½	...	...	...
297	257	Boxmore Intl▲	273 ‡	...	4.0	1.8	∞
20	15	Braeway	17½	...	...	3.6	...
333	288	Brammer	329 †	+1	13.0	4.9	∞
31	22	Bridgend Gp	26	...	0.4	...	...
163	120	Bridon	147	...	...	3.5	∞
82	74	Bridport-Gndry	80 †	...	...	3.5	...
57½	45½	Brierley Inv	49	-1½	...	0.9	12.1
235	190	Br Bldg & Eng	220 †	...	...	4.5	18.6
124	94	Br Hoodsock▲	95	...	...	...	...
515	435	Br Polythene	453	...	...	3.2	15.6
156½	121½	Br Steel	149½	-4½	...	1.3	...
176	120	Br Thornton	130	...	...	4.8	13.5
298	244	Br Vita	289 †	...	...	3.2	24.2
18½	13½	Brixton Grp	16½	-½	...	1.4	∞
931½	779½	Broken Hill	795½	-11	...	2.3	16.0
125	90	Bromsgrve Ind	109	-1	...	5.0	14.2
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	14½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	55	...	...	...	...
186	154	Bullough	164	+5	...	4.6	71.7
16	11½	Business Tech▲	12	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	16	...	0.5	4.5	15.4
54	35	Campbll & Arm	42	...	...	...	...
39	29½	Cannon St	34½	...	...	...	∞
488	420	[illegible]	462	...	...	...	...
273	254	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
455	343	Caradon	365 †	...	...	3.0	27.4
215½	170	-do- pf	178 †	...	7.2	5.1	...
280	252	Cardo Eng	259	-1	...	4.2	19.2
30	6½	Care UK	6½	...	...	...	...
2440½	1987½	Carnaud Mtl	1987½	-37½	...	2.3	∞
104	80	Cassidy Bros▲	87	...	...	3.4	21.1
251	220	Castings	246	...	4.6	2.3	17.4
66	42	Cathay Intl	42	...	...	...	...
235	213	Celltech	217½	...	...	...	...
195	170	Chamberln Hill	180	+5	6.5	4.5	11.2
812	716	Charter	720	...	...	3.8	11.0
340	305	Chemring	309	...	...	3.6	16.0
60	46	Chieftain Gp▲	53 †	...	...	8.3	10.6
52	38	Chillington	48	-2	1.0	2.6	...
246	205	Christies Int	206 †	...	...	1.2	∞
80	60	Clayhithe	60	...	...	5.2	...
150	95	Clayton Son	127	...	...	...	...
455	405	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
297	242	Community H	274 †	...	...	...	...
263	211	Concentric	231	+2	...	3.3	15.6
310	274	Cook (Wm)	284	-1	6.0	2.6	17.2
285	233	Cookson	260 †	-1	...	2.9	∞
110	81	Copymore▲	90	...	4.0	5.0	∞
167	147	Cowil Fir 'A'	163	...	...	4.4	22.1
157	109	Cosalt	146	+1	...	4.6	...
285	243	Creighton Nts▲	245	...	7.4	3.8	17.6
44	37	Crestacare	39 †	...	0.7	2.4	∞
4125	3550½	Dana	3550½	-187½	...	...	...
389	324	Danka Bs Sys	324	-2	...	0.6	30.8
296	244	David Brown	286	+1	...	2.6	20.3
1021	848	De La Rue	926	-1	...	2.6	22.3
52	40	Dialdic Heel	47	-3	...	3.8	12.0
620	590	Diploma	540	...	...	2.8	21.6
97	74	Dobson Park	74	...	...	6.3	16.8
134	105	Dyson (J&J)	106	...	5.0	5.9	19.5
97	78	-do- 'A'	78	...	5.0	8.0	14.3
16	13	EPG	13½	...	...	...	...
442	373	EIS	434	...	...	3.5	17.2
25	15	Eldaf	25	...	...	...	...
53	45	Eleco	46	-2	...	...	...
3534½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3081½	+12½	...	1.7	∞
91	69	Elliott (B)	79	...	...	...	...
548	458	Eng China Cl	491 †	...	...	5.1	28.6
146	125	Environmed	138	...	...	...	...
3190½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	2865½	-9½	...	1.3	∞
86	58	Euracopy	58	-1	...	3.7	17.1
86	60	Expamet	82 †	...	...	3.8	58.1
778	669	Fairey Group	728	...	11.8	2.0	∞
145	100	Fenner	137	...	...	...	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	106	...	...	2.4	13.7
14	7	Ferrum	9	...	...	...	...
78	58	Fife Indmar	65 †	...	...	5.5	9.3
156	113	Fisons	147	+2	...	3.7	...
60	41	[illegible]	53	...	...	8.3	...
288	263	Fogas	278	...	...	3.8	12.7
51	38	Folkes Group nv	47	...	1.5	4.0	26.7
126	94	French (Thomas)	119	...	...	3.8	25.5
264	220	Frost Group	237 †	...	4.9	2.6	∞
87	77	GEI Intl	85	...	...	3.6	...
604	510½	GEN	604 ‡	+7	...	4.2	36.3
69	49	GR Hldgs	64 †	...	...	3.5	...
134	91	Garton Eng	123	...	...	4.7	32.4
191	139	Gestetner	148	-1	...	2.5	...
66	49	Gleeves	60	...	...	...	43.4
725	556	Glaxo	570	+6	...	5.3	13.5
46	39½	Glenchewton	43	+2	...	...	...
404	352	Glynwed	377	+4	...	3.9	22.1
191	125	Goode Durrant	184	+18	...	3.7	...
185	156	Grampian Hd	156 †	...	5.5	4.4	∞
598	529	Granada	553	-1	...	2.0	21.8
487	452	Great Shirm▲	479	...	12.2	3.2	∞
85	74	Green (Ernst)▲	74 †	...	...	11.8	13.5
19½	13½	Greencrest▲	13½	...	...	3.1	∞
6	6	Guardian Grp▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
84½	61	Haden MacLn	66 †	...	...	3.8	∞
114	90	Hadleigh	114	+2	1.0	1.1	...
76	64	Halkin Hldgs	64	-1	...	...	50.0
320	259	Hall Eng	259 †	-1	...	4.6	14.8
256	219	Halma	233	+4	...	1.1	29.2
71	47	Hampson Ind	62	-1	1.7	3.4	20.5
302	257	Hanson	259½	-½	...	5.5	24.1
161	135	Harris (Philip)	135	...	...	6.3	8.2
220	186	Harrisn Crsfld	194 †	-1	...	5.8	27.8
179	121	Havelock Euro	177	...	2.0	1.4	∞
48	36	Hay (Norman)	38	...	...	...	...
50	33	Headway	35	...	...	2.5	...
511	376	Hepworth	385 †	-3	...	4.8	20.0
208	154	Hewitt (J)	179	-1	3.2	2.3	∞
73	52	High-Point	57	...	0.5	1.1	...
184½	152	Hill & Smith	158	...	...	4.5	18.2
28	16	Hobson▲	27 #	...	...	...	...
191	172	Holden Tech▲	184 †	...	6.0	4.1	∞
63	39	Hopkinsons	59	...	0.9	1.9	44.6
216	176	Hornby▲	189 †	...	9.0	6.0	∞
103	78	Howden	97 †	...	...	2.9	15.5
280	234	Hozelock	240	...	...	3.1	17.1
265	215	Hunting	215	...	...	6.0	55.9
513	448	Huntleigh Tec▲	480	+2	...	1.0	31.8
379	326	IMI	358 †	...	...	3.5	30.0
138	119	ISA Intl	132	...	1.6	1.6	∞
165	125	Intercare Gp▲	127	...	...	3.4	12.1
325	284	Isotron	310 †	...	4.4	1.8	17.4
710	409½	Jardine Math	460½	-16	...	3.3	∞
628	534	Johnson Math	622½	-3½	...	2.1	24.3
51	37	Johnson & FB	42	...	...	4.0	40.0
170	149	Johnston	164	...	2.0	1.5	∞
32	26	Jones Shipman	28	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	32	...	1.0	4.0	∞
187½	149½	Kalon	182½	+1	...	2.9	18.5
280	230	Kelsey Ind	279	...	...	3.6	...
805	730	Kershaw (A)	765	...	...	4.4	39.4
276	213	Kleeneze	213	...	...	0.6	68.9
427	341	Laird	412	+2	...	3.2	19.8
170	145	Lilleshall	160 †	...	...	3.6	17.4
229	205	Lincat▲	217 †	...	...	3.6	15.3
51	30½	Lincoln Hse▲	35	...	...	...	17.8
150	95	Linread	149	...	...	3.3	33.2
383	313	Linton Park	383	+5	...	5.1	∞
14	9½	Lionheart	9½	-½	...	4.0	21.1
20½	16½	Locker (T) A	16½	...	0.8	6.4	24.0
173	104	Lon Intl	104	-10	6.2	7.5	...
175½	129	Lonrho	145½	-1½	...	3.4	71.7
431	364	Low & Bonar	425 †	...	...	2.9	19.5
49	42	ML Hldgs	43	...	...	...	...
67	55	MS Intl	58	...	...	5.4	35.6
70	45	MY Holdings	61 †	+2	...	3.1	14.7
271	223	Macfarlane	234	...	3.8	2.1	∞
539	448	McKechnie	504	...	...	3.5	25.2
127	105	McLeod Russel	110	...	...	6.9	16.2
104	91	Magnolia	93	...	0.1	0.1	∞
163	129	Mang Bronze	147 †	...	...	3.0	16.6
26	19½	Marling	20	+½	...	5.3	...
231	182	Mayborn▲	195	...	...	3.7	13.3
64	53	Mayflower	54 †	-1	...	3.1	∞
187	132	Medeva	144 †	-1	2.7	2.3	∞
120	96½	Meggitt	109	...	...	4.6	∞
132	116	Metalrax	124	-1	4.0	4.1	∞
128	103	Metrotect	112	...	...	3.6	15.6
128	99	Metsec▲	128	...	2.0	2.0	∞
124	95	Midstates	103	+1	...	0.9	14.3
575	548	Molins	573 †	...	...	3.4	11.5
408	360	Morgan Cble	378	+1	...	4.2	18.9
217	176	Morris Ashby▲	213	...	5.7	3.3	16.1
51	34	Neepsend	39	...	1.0	3.2	52.3
80	63	Nestor-BNA	70 †	...	3.1	5.6	∞
249	214	Nobo Gp	244	+13	5.3	2.7	24.1
212½	158	Norcros	158	-3	...	5.5	23.1
35	31	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
64	48	OMI Intl	55½	...	...	3.9	...
175	160	PCT▲	169	...	7.2	5.4	19.2
88	66	Pacer Systems▲	81 †	...	...	5.4	29.3
43	31	Pascoe's	35	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	93	...	...	4.3	43.0
310	220	Photo-Me	226	...	4.7	2.6	13.6
204	177	Pilkington	203	...	...	1.6	...
110	88	Plansbrook	88 †	...	3.4	4.8	∞
185	141	Polypipe	165 †	...	...	1.6	21.1
25	16	Porter Chadburn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
341	259	Powerscreen	259	-1	...	3.3	13.5
23½	18	Prospect Inds	18½	...	...	5.5	10.6
77	56	RPS Group▲	63 †	...	2.4	4.8	∞
108	82	Radiant Metal	100	...	...	...	...
174	143	Ransco Oil▲	150	-1	1.0	0.8	50.2
447½	377	Rank Org	423	-3	...	3.7	23.0
26	13	Ransomes	21	...	...	...	...
723	595	Reckitt Colm	632 †	+1	...	3.5	∞
95	70	Record	83	...	...	5.6	18.1
5½	3½	Reece	4½	-½	...	...	...
291	245	Relyon	252 †	-3	...	2.6	46.0
308	268	Renishaw	279 †	...	...	2.9	35.1
153	126	Renold	144	...	...	1.5	...
539½	439½	Reuters	488	+9	...	1.6	29.9
88	74	Rexmore	85	+1	2.0	3.0	...
208	163	Ricardo Group	164 †	+1	...	4.5	18.3
73	68	Richard (Leics)	68	...	3.7	6.9	...
104½	82½	Richardson Wes	90 ‡	...	...	4.5	17.8
170	130	Ropner	170	...	...	6.2	16.7
164	126	-do- 'A'	164	...	8.2	6.5	∞
24	15	Ross Gp	19½	...	0.4	2.6	∞
195	170	Rotork	177 †	...	...	3.0	∞
190	145	Rubicon	145	...	...	3.7	18.3
75	62	Russell (A)	74 †	...	...	3.0	∞
38½	34½	SEP Indl	36	...	...	2.8	16.7
1340½	1087½	SKF 'B'	1228½	-15½	...	...	...
272	230½	Scapa	240	+4	...	3.0	17.9
230	180	Scholl	184 †	...	...	4.3	14.9
291	242	Scotia	279	...	...	...	...
1291	1146	Securicor	1203	-2	...	0.3	35.5
1036	843	-do- 'A'	847	+1	...	0.4	25.0
802	733	Security Serv	752	...	...	0.9	28.7
150½	89½	Senior Eng	134½	+5½	...	3.2	∞
335	312	Senon Health	313	-3	...	2.4	18.5
155	138	Shiloh	151	+3	3.0	2.5	16.5
350	300	Sidlaw	350	+2	...	1.8	17.3
630	559	Siebe	617	+2	...	2.1	21.8
378	293	Silentnight	298	...	...	3.4	16.1
168	137	Slmc Darby	158 †	+2	...	3.0	17.5
130½	75	Simon Eng	119 †	+2½	...	...	...
244	186	Sinclair (Wm)	219	...	...	4.0	17.7
60	35	Six Hundred	60	...	...	3.1	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	144	+½	...	4.4	15.6
443	357½	Smithkline	372	+8	...	3.7	14.4
407	322	Smithkline Uts	339	+12	...	4.1	13.1
527½	454	Smiths Ind	510	...	...	3.0	20.3
116	75	Stm Bus	85	...	...	5.5	4.4
600	466	Spandex▲	600	...	...	1.5	18.6
660	420	Spear (JW)	630	...	...	3.9	10.6
489	337	Spirax-Sarco	428 †	-1	...	2.9	20.8
81½	50½	Spring Ram	57½ †	...	...	1.1	∞
267	201	Staveley	207	+6	...	5.1	11.7
242	197	Sterling Ind	226	...	...	3.3	34.6
220	180	Suter	201 †	+1	...	5.7	17.8
604	440½	Swire Pacific 'A'	472	-14	...	2.1	∞
4½	2½	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
56	48	Sykes-Pick	48	...	3.0	8.0	9.2
178	168	Syltone	168	...	...	3.6	24.3
455	382	TI	418 †	+4	...	3.4	24.0
44	31	TLS Range▲	35	...	0.5	1.8	∞
386	330	TT Group	385 †	+2	...	2.1	∞
292	230	Tallent	257 †	...	2.0	1.0	22.4
852½	666	Takeda Chem	801½	-6½	...	0.8	15.2
61	36	Tex Hldgs	50	...	...	...	...
101	92	Thirley (E)▲	92	...	...	7.6	15.9
220	217	Titon▲	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
283	234	Tomkins	245	-5½	...	3.4	18.1
124	90	Trafalgar H	100	-2½	...	4.1	...
105	68	Transfer Tech	80 †	+2	3.3	5.2	∞
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	134	+2	...	6.5	16.1
318	272	UniChem	280 †	-2	6.5	2.9	∞
440	365	Unidare	390	...	...	2.8	20.1
54	34	Unigroup	40	...	...	...	...
1247	1006	Unilever	1059½	+2½	25.0	3.0	∞
8118½	7005½	Unilever (NV)	7209½	-25	...	2.9	∞
18½	12	Utd Inds	17	...	...	...	...
1093	858	VSEL	983	...	...	3.9	10.6
31½	14½	Vernon	19½	...	...	...	...
196	172	Vickers	189 †	+1½	...	2.0	23.7
327	264	Victaulic	304 †	...	...	3.3	16.7
522	451	Vinten	507	+2	...	1.9	16.3
805	661	Vosper Thorny	777	...	...	2.6	18.0
48	37	WSP Hldgs	47 †	...	...	4.8	34.6
525	451	Wagon Ind	513	...	...	4.3	22.6
5	1½	Wakebourne	3½	...	...	...	19.1
114	97	Walker Greenbk	103	...	3.3	4.1	∞
304	254	Wassall	291 †	+1	...	1.5	25.1
59	44	Watford Wdgwd	56	...	...	...	...
365	303	Weir	348 †	-1	...	2.3	∞
704	508	Wellcome	509 †	-5	...	5.2	10.6
37	22	Wellman	37	...	0.9	3.0	60.4
400	319	West Hlthcare	335	-1	...	1.4	21.5
548	455	Whatman	522 †	...	...	2.4	18.5
264	217	Whessoe	224	-9	...	4.6	10.6
119	93	Whitecroft	118	...	...	...	...
13½	10½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
191	120	Wilkes (James)	181	-1	...	1.0	∞
421	365	Williams Hldg	394	+9	...	4.1	22.4
53	39½	Wilshaw	45½	...	...	1.5	28.7
975	830	Wolseley	894	+7	...	2.0	21.6
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155 †	...	...	2.4	31.7
53	40	Wyko	51	...	...	1.2	...
96	70	Young (H)	90	+1	...	4.6	...

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	987½	Alex & Alex	987½	-31½	...	6.7	...
2043½	1725	Am Gen	1825	-31½	...	4.2	...
86	55	Archer	64	...	...	2.0	...
165	133	Bradstock	134	...	...	5.1	15.1
550	430	Britannic	440 †	...	15.7	2.9	∞
117	99	CLM Insce	101	...	...	...	...
711	563	Com Union	588 †	-2	...	5.3	21.9
1950	1675	Dom & Gen	1915 †	...	...	1.6	25.3
64	42	FAI	42	-2	...	1.2	...
194	168	Fenchurch Grp	168	...	...	5.4	15.0
757	594	Gen Accident	606 †	+7	...	5.7	12.2
247	175	GRE	187 †	+1	...	5.1	2.5
457	371	Heath C E	371	-2	...	5.4	...
234	122	Hogg Gp	234	+10	5.6	3.1	∞
323	268	Independent Ins	268 †	-2	8.2	3.8	∞
210	174	JIB Group	192 †	-1	...	4.9	17.5
547	452	Legal & Gen	477 †	-1	...	5.3	16.7
1353½	975	Liberty Life	1153½	+25	...	2.7	18.3
119	90	LIMIT	100	-½	...	...	...
471	383	Lloyds Abbey	405 †	+21	...	5.6	13.0
310	269	Lloyd Thomp	282 †	-2	7.1	3.1	17.5
443	372	Londn & Man	388	...	...	5.2	18.4
472	427	Lowndes Lmb	427	...	14.0	4.1	15.3
5706½	5337½	Marsh McLn	5618½	-31½	...	3.2	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	176	...	...	4.0	17.6
131	112	Orion	122	+3	...	5.3	∞
83	71	PWS	75	...	...	6.7	13.9
385	302	Prudential	323½	-1½	...	5.1	15.4
404	321	Refuge	335 †	...	...	4.2	24.7
350	258	Royal	264 †	...	...	3.6	12.0
222	176	Sedgwick	195 †	...	...	3.8	21.9
155	105	Steel Burrill	140 †	...	...	8.0	∞
87	68	Sturge Hldgs	68	...	...	5.5	57.2
438	334	Sun Alliance	332 †	+9	14.7	5.6	∞
96	81	Trade Indemnty	81	...	...	0.8	17.9
464	350	Transatlantic	383 ‡	...	...	3.9	35.0
673	533	Utd Friendly	553 †	...	16.5	3.7	∞
245	207	Willis Corroon	224	+2	...	3.7	19.8
28	21½	Windsor	26	...	...	...	20.4

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1782	Alliance	1804 †	...	...	3.3	...
479	428	Anglo & O'seas	435 †	-2	...	2.1	...
161	146½	BZW Conv	148½	-½	7.8	6.6	...
219	190	Bankers	194 †	+1½	...	2.4	...
381	335	Baring Tribne	342	...	...	2.4	...
248	198	Berry Starq	236 †	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	98½	Br Assets	100½	+½	...	5.3	...
98	90	Br Empire Sec	94½	...	...	1.2	...
46	31	-do- Wnts	37	...	...	...	...
234	200	Br Inv	207	-2	4.6	2.8	...
272	236	Brunner	237	...	...	2.8	...
221	199	Cont Asset	200	-1	...	1.9	...
161	147	Derby Inc	158	...	...	12.5	...
325	278	-do- Cap	305	...	...	...	...
100	90	Drayton Blue	97	...	8.4	10.8	...
111	84	-do- Eng Indl	89	-4	1.0	1.4	...
156	128	-do- Far East	144	-3	...	0.6	...
177	137	-do- Korea	146	-1	0.5	0.4	...
784	686	Dunedin Inc G	697	...	...	4.7	...
108	85	-do- Japan	101	-1	...	...	...
80	45	-do- Warrants	73	...	...	...	...
827	759	-do- Wwde	778	-3	...	1.5	...
341	301	Dundee & Lon	312	-1	...	3.6	...
360	303	Edinburgh	310½	+½	8.5	3.4	...
354	299	Electra Inv	310	-1	...	2.8	...
230	193	Electric Gen	200	-½	3.1	2.0	...
127	116	English Scot	118	...	...	...	...
345	312	European Asset	312 †	-3	...	1.9	...
172	148	Finsbury 'A'	157	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	298	Fleming Amer	298	-3½	...	0.6	...
145	90	Fleming Chinese	90	-4	...	...	...
92	51	-do- Warrants	51	-3	...	...	...
287	220	-do- Claver	223 †	...	...	3.1	...
385	334	Do Cont	353	...	2.7	1.0	...
264	223	-do- Entp	229	...	...	2.6	...
409	327	-do- F East	354	-2	1.1	0.4	...
422	365	-do- Fledg	392 †	-1	...	1.0	...
120	102	-do- Hi Inc	105	...	...	5.2	...
279	223	-do- Japan	273	+1	...	0.2	...
347	294	-do- Merc	304 †	-1	6.7	2.8	∞
347½	295	-do- O'seas	299	...	4.2	1.8	...
159½	134	Foreign & Col	140½	+½	...	2.6	...
148	106½	-do- Emg Mkts	114	-5	0.2	0.3	...
77	67½	-do- Enterprise	68½	...	0.6	1.1	∞
259	236½	-do- Eurotst	252	-1	...	0.6	...
145	121	-do- German	127	...	0.5	0.5	...
374	316	-do- Pacific	342	-6	2.2	0.8	∞
192	174	-do- Smaller	182½	-½	1.8	1.3	...
303	247	GT Japan	283	-4	...	0.6	...
200	175	Genl Cons Cap	189	-1	...	...	...
115	105	-do- Inc	109	...	...	10.0	...
191	168	Govett Am Smlr	169	-3	...	...	...
151	101	-do- Emg Mkts	111	-3	...	...	...
112	91	Govett High Inc	98	-1	...	7.0	...
429	350	-do- Oriental	376	-3	0.9	0.3	...
346	279	-do- Strategy	281	...	...	3.0	...
475	423	Greenfriar	466	...	...	1.8	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	94	Herald	103	...	...	...	...
198	132½	Inv Cap	133	...	...	4.8	...
119	102	IRS UK Smllr	102	-1	2.8	3.4	...
243	205	Kleinwort Cha	215	-½	...	3.0	...
272½	238	-do- O'seas	245 †	...	...	1.7	...
165	138	-do- Smlr	149 †	...	...	2.9	...
826	714	Law Debenture	730 †	+1	...	3.3	...
227	205	Majedie	205	...	...	3.0	...
324	230	Merchants	272 †	-1	...	5.1	...
495	456	Mercury Euro Pv	462	...	...	...	...
125	103	-do- World Mng	103½	-1	...	...	...
52½	35	-do- World Wts	35½	-2½	...	...	...
2987½	2312½	Merrill Lynch	2312½	-50	...	...	...
595	519	Monks Inv Tst	535	...	...	1.6	...
158	142	Morg Grenf Inc	142	-2	...	4.0	...
64	46	Do Warrants	50	-1	...	...	...
94	87	Do Latin Amer	91	-1	...	...	...
50	39	Do Warrants	48	-2	...	...	...
148	128	Murray Ent	135	-3	...	1.9	...
1290	£1245	-do- Pf 1994	£1250	...	...	...	...
58	38	-do- Warrants	39	...	...	...	...
68	58½	Murray Euro	61 †	...	0.2	0.6	∞
27½	16	Do Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	348	Murray Income	358 †	-1	11.3	3.9	∞
395	339	-do- Intl	354 †	+2	...	4.1	...
548	437	-do- Small	460	-1	...	1.2	...
97	82	-do- S/C Inc	87	...	...	15.2	...
174	138	-do- S/C Cap	146	-1	...	...	...
3400	3150	-do- S/C Uts	3375	...	...	3.9	...
160	153	-do- S/C DP	154½	...	...	...	...
363	326	-do- Vent	327 †	-1	...	4.2	...
95	78	Nwthrng Inc	79 †	...	6.7	10.7	...
404	359	O'seas Inv Tst	371	-1	...	1.1	...
241	193	Do Warrants	200	-4	...	...	...
640½	433	Pacific Assets	487	-4	...	0.3	...
542	335	Do Warrants	389	-4	...	...	...
9400	8675	Personal Assets	9000 †	...	190	2.6	...
189	170	RIT Cap Ptnr	172½	...	1.1	0.8	...
127	114	River & Merc	119	...	...	9.7	...
449	425	Robeco	449	...	...	2.8	...
463	430	Rolinco	448	...	...	1.7	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	332 †	...	...	2.0	...
183	162	Scot American	165	...	...	3.6	...
368	256	Scott Asian	271	-4	...	...	...
1070	753	do Warrants	760	...	...	...	...
97½	82½	-do- Eastern	85 †	...	...	2.3	...
262½	221	Scottish	227½	-1½	...	2.7	...
284½	217	-do- Mtge	225	-½	4.0	2.2	...
139½	116½	-do- Value	125	-1	...	1.8	...
1795	1583	Second Alliance	1593	-2	...	3.1	...
106	92	Secs Tst of Scot	92½	...	3.2	4.4	...
179	164	Selective Asset	164	-2	...	1.1	...
51½	43½	Sphere Inv	48½	-½	...	8.9	...
205	149	TR Far East	170	-1½	...	3.9	...
177½	145	TR City Of Lon	152½	-½	...	4.0	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	95 ‡	-1	...	0.2	...
43½	34½	TR Property	39	-½	0.9	2.0	...
152	127	TR Tech Inv	134	-3	1.7	1.6	...
228	197	TR Smlr Cos	199	-1½	...	2.4	...
412	349	Temple Bar	352	...	...	4.8	...
135	105	Thrmtn Asian E	106	-3	0.5	0.6	∞
101	79	Throgmorton	81½	+½	...	3.5	...
553	466	Throg Dual Cp	488	...	...	...	...
369	345	USDC Invest	348	...	...	2.3	...
129	114	Value Inc Tst	116	-½	4.0	4.3	...
257½	226	Witan	228	+½	...	3.2	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	472	Airtours	484	-2	...	2.3	16.6
40½	25½	AMI Leis	26	...	...	14.4	8.5
177	163	Alpha Airpts	170	+1½	...	3.0	∞
668	428	Anglia TV	652	...	...	1.8	30.2
131	85	Baldwin	109	-1	...	4.0	14.3
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	305	...	...	4.1	13.4
1400	1155	Boosey Hwks	1350	...	25.0	2.3	∞
205	133	Border TV▲	145	...	3.6	3.1	11.8
6½	4½	Brent Walker	4½	...	...	...	...
148	100	Bristol Scotts	120	...	...	...	...
7½	5½	Buckingham Int	5½	...	...	...	...
74	44	Campari	46	...	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	422	+6	...	1.7	37.2
1047	520	Carlton Comm	933	+7	...	2.5	21.3
307	248	Castle Comm▲	285 †	...	...	3.9	18.0
3130	2910	Central TV	2925	...	39.0	1.7	31.9
163	114	Chrysalis	161	...	3.2	2.5	...
374	329	Compass Gp	333	-14	...	2.4	18.6
285	232	Eurocamp	262 †	...	9.7	4.7	10.8
457½	346	Euro Disney	369½	-½	...	3.1	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
419	308	Fairline Boats	368	+3	...	3.6	34.6
350	281	First Leisure	319	+1	...	2.6	21.6
478	340	Flextech▲	342	-6	0.5	0.2	...
1033	675	GWR Gp▲	958	+25	...	1.2	34.7
303	228	Grampian	251	...	6.5	3.2	17.4
22	15	Greenwich Comm▲	16	...	...	...	...
161	106	HTV Group	139	...	1.0	1.0	∞
96	62	Hi-Tec Sports	84	+4	...	3.3	...
19½	11½	Kunick	14½	...	...	...	...
752	605	LWT Hldgs	728	-3	...	0.8	33.7
702	539	Man Utd	682 ‡	...	...	3.7	27.5
51	34	Northern	45	...	...	...	8.7
130	81	Owners Abrd	117	...	...	3.7	...
89	70	The Pelican Gp	87	...	1.1	1.6	20.4
183	173	Prism Leisure▲	173	...	3.5	2.5	16.1
43	34	Quadrant Grp	34	...	...	...	...
240	205	Ramsdens (H)	240	+5	...	2.3	34.6
628	395	Scott Radio▲	530	...	...	2.2	23.6
574	447	Scot TV	447	...	12.4	3.6	∞
40½	28½	SelecTV▲	30	...	...	...	...
118	68	Southern Radio	116	...	...	1.3	51.4
350	290½	Stanley Leisure	323	...	...	2.0	26.1
153	125	Sunset & Vine	131 †	...	3.5	3.3	20.0
349½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	1.1	∞
2½	1½	Ticketing▲	1½	...	...	...	17.1
99	75	Tottenhm Hot	80	...	...	3.1	30.6
182	85	Trans World▲	163	+8	1.3	1.0	59.4
760	518	Ulster TV	598 †	...	15.0	3.1	∞
188	112	Vardon	139 †	...	1.1	1.0	∞
375	150	Yorkshire TV	297	...	...	1.4	...
126	110	Zetters Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	2509½	Ang Am	2906½	+46½	...	2.2	24.4
2175	1762½	Ang Am Coal	2175	+18½	...	4.3	11.2
6518½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	4759½	+165½	...	4.7	21.3
36	29	Anglo Pac Res▲	33½	...	...	...	...
404	298	Bakyrchik	315	...	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	105½	-2½	...	...	...
37	28½	Bracken	30	-½	...	3.1	5.3
898	580½	Buffels	584½	+4	...	11.1	5.2
6	2½	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
930½	787½	CRA	792	-9½	...	2.6	25.3
55½	36	Cluff Res	40½	+2½	...	...	∞
1750	1318½	De Beers	1437½	-12½	...	3.6	∞
148	88	Deelkraal	96½	+2½	...	2.1	7.1
74	30½	Doornfontein	36½	-½	...	...	...
914	665½	Driefontein	705½	-5½	...	4.7	11.6
770½	549½	Durban	618	+12½	...	...	...
170	107	E Rand Gold	122½	+1	...	16.3	...
122½	71	E Rand Prop	71	-½	...	...	...
449	300½	Elandsrand	300½	-2½	...	6.5	∞
1239	757½	FS Cons	776½	-10	...	9.7	∞
57	27	FS Dev	30	...	...	...	...
1800	1193½	GFSA	1293½	+6½	...	3.1	21.7
152½	108½	Gencor	120½	+2½	...	5.5	13.4
80	59½	GM Kalgoorli	62½	-½	...	2.2	25.7
18	14	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	123½	+1	...	8.1	7.8
436	319½	Harmony	327½	-5½	...	...	...
450	271½	Harties	300½	+4½	...	9.5	7.4
21½	14	Imco▲	14	...	...	...	11.5
1028½	831½	Impala Plat	893½	-15½	...	3.1	29.3
16½	9½	Kelmoore Res▲	12½	...	...	...	...
1315½	890½	Kinross	953½	-6½	...	6.5	10.6
898½	576½	Kloof	593	-5½	...	4.1	7.0
137	69½	Leslie	82½	-½	...	13.8	4.4
333	176½	Loraine	183½	-4½	...	...	...
1125	887½	Lydenburg	975	-87½	...	2.2	...
155½	118	MIM	130½	-5	...	1.8	56.6
1556	1232	Minorco	1232 †	-16	...	3.1	14.8
201½	150	Nth Bkn Hill	150½	-3½	...	3.3	23.2
899	790	RTZ	816½	-9½	...	3.1	25.0
268½	187½	Rand Mines	268½	...	...	4.2	10.2
801½	554	Randfontein	597	-½	...	6.9	6.0
295	215	Renison	222	-3	...	2.0	23.0
1346½	1100	Rustnbrg	1168½	-15½	...	2.8	26.7
756	559½	St Helena	559½	...	...	7.6	11.8
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1812½	-12½	...	5.2	19.7
160	73	Stilfontein	102½	+2½	...	20.2	19.1
160	90	Unisel	98½	+2½	...	4.5	9.5
7600	5065½	Vaal Reefs	5150½	+28½	...	5.2	8.0
624½	508½	Western Areas	541	+2½	...	4.9	3.8
3362½	2268½	Western Deep	2312½	-9½	...	4.8	7.7
398	307½	Wstrn Mining	310	-4	...	1.7	...
1225	618½	Winkels	625	-21½	...	7.4	6.0
66	50	Zambia Copper	54	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	48	...	...	9.7	15.8

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
278	233	Abbey Panels	278	...	...	...	...
115	110	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
175	134	Appleyard	139 †	...	5.5	4.9	∞
405	330	Bletchley Mtr	365	...	...	3.4	∞
233	180	Bostrom	233	+3	6.0	3.3	∞
584	390	Br Aerospace	466 †	-1	...	2.2	40.9
57	45	Burndene	55	...	...	4.0	14.8
465	400	Caffyns	410	...	11.5	3.5	21.7
22	13½	Caverdale	17 †	...	0.1	1.1	∞
130	108	Central Mtr▲	109	...	...	4.6	27.0
43	32½	Cook (DC)▲	38	...	0.9	3.0	21.6
348	281	Cowie (T)	333	+2	...	2.9	18.5
192½	127	Dag Motors	168 ‡	...	...	4.7	∞
157	122	Davnprt Vern	122	...	...	4.3	12.1
332	275	ERF	323	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	135	European Mtr	158	+1	...	2.9	22.2
552	408	Evans Halshaw	526½	+2½	...	3.1	21.8
308	235	FR Group	280	...	...	3.3	∞
4718½	3612½	Ford Motor	3612½	-187½	...	...	...
4387½	3650	General Mtr	3650	-47½	...	1.5	...
90	60	Gowrings	74	...	2.0	3.4	∞
342½	266½	Henlys	296 ‡	-11	...	3.2	∞
1165½	978½	Honda Motor	1113	-11	...	0.8	...
58	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	+12	...	...	...
116	80	Jessups	104	-1	4.5	5.4	...
184	150½	Kwik-Fit	166 †	...	...	2.9	19.0
573	445	Lex Service	524 †	...	...	3.0	∞
276	162	Lookers	246 †	...	...	3.3	24.0
239	189	Lucas	215 †	-1	...	4.1	...
29½	25	Malaya Grp	27½	...	...	...	...
310	261	Pendragon	235 †	+1	...	3.1	21.0
238	175	Perry Gp	223	...	7.0	4.0	∞
218	156	Quicks Group	185 †	...	...	3.4	∞
195½	161	Rolls-Royce	194½	-½	...	3.2	34.3
256	203	T & N	225	+½	...	5.4	28.8
300	263	Trinity Hldgs	281	...	...	2.5	26.3
221	165	Vardy (Reg)	205 †	...	...	2.6	34.1
338	253	Westland	334	...	...	1.7	23.4

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	198	Adscene	274	...	5.7	2.6	28.0
335	335	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.2	∞
402	308	Blenheim Gp	355	...	10.2	3.7	∞
413	365	Bristol	402	...	...	3.7	26.3
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1471½	...	...	1.3	34.5
1484½	1109½	Daily Mail 'A'	1209½	-6½	...	1.5	26.3
296	260	Dorling Kind	296 †	+16	...	1.4	26.8
6712½	5947½	Elsevier	5871½	+25	...	3.2	∞
476	410	EMAP	410	-1	...	2.5	25.3
1645	1450	Euromoney Pb	1643	...	...	2.9	28.9
194	154	Harrington K	167	-7	4.9	3.7	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	448 †	...	...	2.0	25.3
480	340	Hodder H'line	393 †	-1	5.0	1.6	∞
180	120	Home Counts	145 †	...	4.5	3.9	∞
208	161	Intl Bus Comm	201 †	...	...	1.2	1.2
15	10½	Int Cm & Data▲	11	...	...	...	...
510	400	Independent	500 †	...	...	2.8	17.2
669	551	Johnston Press	664 †	...	7.0	1.3	∞
420	338	Metal Bulletin	420 †	+2	...	3.0	24.4
174	162	Midland Ind	172	...	...	2.0	23.5
205	166	Mirror Gp	177	...	...	...	12.9
514½	424½	News Corp	439½	-5	...	0.3	...
314	264	News Intl	274 †	-3	...	0.6	16.9
735	605	Pearson	683 †	+1	...	2.5	25.3
760	670	Portsmth Sund	748	...	...	1.6	20.6
964	823	Reed Intl	835	+2	...	2.8	24.9
249	187	Southnews	230	...	2.3	1.2	44.2
200	160	Sterling Pub	183 †	...	...	2.1	22.3
617	487	Telegraph	610 †	-5	...	2.7	19.9
885	785	Thomson Corp	835	...	30.1	4.5	41.7
472	436	Trinity Ind	443 †	...	...	2.7	21.9
43	21	Unit Group▲	43	...	...	...	...
731	623	Utd Nwspprs	638 †	-6	...	4.3	17.5

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
31½	24½	Aran Energy	27	...	...	...	26.3
48	35	Arcon Intl▲	44	...	...	...	...
74½	59	Aus Oil & Gas	66½	+1	...	...	...
62	50	Aviva Pet	52	...	...	...	...
9	6½	Beverley	6½	...	...	...	61.6
246	203	Br Borneo	244 †	...	...	3.6	12.6
358	285½	British Gas	305½	-2½	...	6.1	...
406½	340	Br Petroleum	376½	-3½	...	2.8	31.5
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½	...	...	...	...
875	811	Burmah Castrl	844	+6	...	4.1	17.3
65	56	Cairn Energy	65	...	...	...	9.3
375	315	Calor Gp	328	...	...	4.9	16.5
51	33	Clyde Pet	36	...	...	...	...
30	19½	Copiex Res	20	-½	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gas	24	...	...	...	25.9
496	398	Enterprise	448 †	+3	...	4.5	27.8
80	75	Exp Co Louis	68	...	...	...	...
28½	21	Fairhaven Intl	27½	-½	...	5.3	9.4
8½	4½	Fortune	9½	...	...	...	...
68	54	Goal Pet	66 †	...	...	2.7	17.4
41	31	Gt Western Res	38	...	...	...	...
177	149½	Hardy O & G	158	...	...	0.8	14.7
55	40	Kelt Energy	46	...	...	...	...
146½	110½	LASMO	145 †	+4	...	1.1	...
73	53	-do- Units	54 †	...	9.4	21.9	...
9½	2	Mid Scot Res▲	3½	...	...	...	...
66	55	Monument	65½	...	...	...	...
7½	4½	New London	5½	-½	...	...	...
50	36	Oil Search	41	...	...	...	...
50½	17½	[illegible]	37½	+1	...	...	...
163	153	Plcs Pet	159½	...	...	...	...
28	21½	Premier	27½	+1½	...	...	10.1
158	118	Presidio	126	...	...	5.2	...
433	325	Ranger	405	+7	...	4.0	...
7700	6601½	Royal Dtch Pt	7134½	-67½	...	4.4	19.7
4084½	3481½	Schlumberger	3525	-78½	...	2.3	...
58	54	Seafield	55	...	...	...	∞
749	651	Shell	711 †	-2	...	4.2	21.5
187	130	Sunrise Eng Sv	130	...	...	...	...
19	14½	Wiles Grp	15	...	...	...	...
229½	178½	Woodside	204½	-½	...	1.8	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	162	AG Holdings	162	...	...	4.1	14.7
444	385	API	386	...	...	2.2	24.2
332	237	Arjo Wiggins	301 †	+7	...	2.7	30.5
730	540	Abbott Mead	638	+2	10.5	2.1	∞
28½	17½	Argus Gp	27	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Comms	175	...	4.9	3.6	∞
26	18	BBB Design▲	18	...	...	...	...
472	414	Bemrose	431 †	...	11.7	3.4	∞
13½	8½	Birkdale	10	...	...	...	...
186	145	Bunzl	184 †	-1	...	2.8	22.7
430	352	CIA Gp	382 †	...	5.1	1.7	∞
170	129	Capital Inds	148 †	...	...	...	∞
93	76	Cty of Lon▲	76	-3	...	6.3	14.0
439	304	Cropper (James)	398	+1	3.2	1.0	38.4
114	88	Delyn Group	108	...	1.6	1.9	14.5
137	104	Dolphin Pack	133	+3	4.5	4.3	∞
83	76	Dudley Jenkins▲	78	-7	...	5.0	17.0
19½	12½	Flswick	13½	-½	...	2.7	15.4
101	75	Fairway Group▲	94	...	...	4.5	19.2
430	367	Ferguson Intl	398	...	...	3.9	18.0
145	135	Ferry Pick	145 †	...	...	4.8	...
227	188	Filofax▲	215	...	...	0.9	27.8
17½	8	Fitch	10	...	...	...	...
149	140	Gibbon Lyons▲	141	...	5.2	4.6	15.9
275	171	Gold Greenlees	177	...	8.4	6.0	16.0
34	23	Goodhead	31	...	...	0.2	∞
30	15	Hunterprint	25	-1	...	...	...
162	130	Interrurope	147 †	...	...	6.6	13.3
290	273	Jarvis Porter	280	...	...	2.2	26.1
33½	22	Lopex	27	...	...	1.2	30.2
36½	29½	MMI	29½	...	...	...	...
431	357	More O'Ferrall	381 †	-1	13.2	4.3	∞
146	118	NMC Group	118	...	2.7	3.9	15.2
300	230	Osborne & Little	278	...	...	2.3	30.5
60	32	Osprey Comms	56	...	...	0.2	...
658	513	Portals	639	-2	...	3.2	18.4
3	2	Premier Hlth	2½	...	...	...	...
330	286	Quarto	311 †	...	6.0	2.4	∞
412	322	St Ives Gp	386	-1	...	1.9	25.4
158	127	Saatchi	128	...	...	...	35.3
631½	464½	Sappi	570½	+12½	...	5.7	11.0
30½	18	Seril	24½	...	...	...	...
57	20½	Shandwick	48½ #	...	...	...	...
573	398	Smith David	565	+12	...	2.2	18.6
361	286	Smurfit (Jeff)	322	-2	...	1.6	7.7
119	103	Somic	112	...	2.5	2.8	45.9
254	210	Star-Pins	234 †	...	8.8	4.7	∞
33	29½	Taylor Nelson	29½	+½	0.4	1.9	∞
151	125	VTR▲	146	+6	...	3.2	22.0
129	89	WPP	127	...	...	1.0	19.3
264	182	Wace	240	...	...	1.8	23.1
300	244	Waddington (J)	252	...	...	4.0	18.9
511	409	Watmough	463 †	-1	...	1.8	29.3
5	3	Westport▲	3½	...	...	...	...
44	29	Whinney Mck▲	30	...	...	...	...
107	98	Wyndeham	105	-1	...	1.8	22.5

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	106	Allied Lon	114	...	...	4.0	15.2
48	37	Arcadian	41	+1	...	...	...
10½	6	Ascot Hldgs	7	...	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	118	-1	2.2	2.4	∞
191	145	Avonside	148 †	...	...	3.5	∞
2575	2328½	BCE▲	2356½	-3½	...	...	...
765	590	Bilton	604	...	19.2	4.1	∞
108	72	Bourne End	100	...	...	1.3	∞
276	213	Bradford	230	...	5.9	3.2	23.3
22½	12½	Bredero	17	...	...	...	...
474	391	Br Land	401	-3	...	2.2	36.5
276	208	Brixton	231	+1	...	4.6	18.3
118	90½	Burford	99	-1	...	1.8	31.9
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl▲	181	...	...	1.0	∞
315	220	Cardiff Prop	300	...	...	1.0	67.1
185	152	Chelsfield	163	...	...	1.8	∞
678	584	Chesterfield	600	...	11.5	2.4	42.9
84	36	City Site Ests	77	-3	...	...	...
34	22	Clarke Nickolls	25	...	...	...	52.2
285	285	Compco	285	...	12.9	6.0	61.8
56	38	Conrad Rtblat GS	43	...	...	...	...
1755	1458	Daejan	1615	...	...	2.1	19.9
25½	5	Dares Estates	15	...	...	...	...
156	123	Debenhm Twsn	127	...	...	3.2	24.1
17	10	De Morgan	12	...	...	...	...
189	167	Dencora	169	...	3.3	2.5	∞
723	588	Derwent Hldgs	590 †	...	...	2.0	25.3
41	30½	Development Sec	30½	...	...	...	...
65	53	Dwyer	58	...	...	...	...
460	370	Estates Agency	450	...	...	2.9	54.0
42	18	Estates Gen	31	...	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	106	...	...	2.8	18.7
43	34½	Ex-Lands	35	...	...	1.2	...
37	30½	Five Oaks	30½	...	...	0.8	...
78	66	Fletcher King	73	...	1.0	1.7	48.4
536	440	Frogmore	476 †	-1	...	4.3	21.0
325	228	Grainger	283	...	...	2.3	50.6
280	198	Gr Portland	215	...	...	4.7	20.6
23½	16½	Greycoat	17½	-½	...	...	...
269	177½	HK Land	193½	-6½	...	4.5	∞
94	65	Hambro Cntyw	69	-1	0.7	1.4	∞
435	347	Hammerson	384 †	-3	...	3.3	44.0
378	298	Helical Bar	348	+17	5.8	2.1	∞
40½	33½	Hemingway	35½	...	...	1.4	...
78	59	Herring Baker	60	...	3.7	7.8	15.1
315	138	Jermyn	245	...	...	...	...
792	621	Land Sec	656	-2	23.1	4.4	19.6
122	96	Lon Merch Sec	102	-1	4.0	4.9	15.9
16	9	Lon & Metro	15	...	...	...	...
562	441½	MEPC	458	-8	...	5.5	26.3
13½	6½	McInerney A	10½	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	174	...	3.5	2.5	23.9
81	71	Merivale Mre	71	...	...	...	...
55	35	Moorfield Est	38	...	...	3.4	∞
1425	1265½	Mountview	1265½	...	22.0	2.2	13.2
196	162	Mucklow (A&J)	163	...	...	4.8	23.2
59	38	OEM	38	...	...	...	...
64	43	Olives Prop	43 †	...	...	...	...
2½	1½	ORB	1½	...	...	...	...
191	149	PSIT	157	-1	4.3	3.5	31.1
390	325	Peel	334	...	4.3	1.6	...
7	6½	Power Corp	7	...	...	...	...
50	30	Property Trust	35	...	...	...	10.0
54	40	Raglan	46½	...	...	...	...
50	30	Regalian	32½	...	...	...	...
175	140	Rowlinson Secs	165	...	1.5	1.1	20.6
117	115	Rugby Est	116	...	...	2.4	...
64	48	St Modwen Prp	52 †	...	...	2.4	21.8
78	59	Saville Grdn (J)	66	...	...	5.1	35.8
100	80	Savills	90	...	...	2.4	35.6
108	85	Scot Met	95	...	...	2.1	...
135	115	Shaftesbury	118	...	...	...	...
17½	11½	Shield	17	...	...	...	8.9
307	242	Slough Estates	244 †	+1	8.1	4.1	∞
103	71	Southend Prop	71	...	...	4.2	...
50	25	Stanhope Prps▲	35	...	...	...	...
39	35	TBI	36	-½	...	...	...
244	224	Tops Ests	224	-3	2.1	1.2	79.9
163	132	Town Centre	130	...	...	3.2	24.7
107	91	Trafford Park	100 †	...	...	3.6	23.0
58	31	UK Land	36	...	...	...	...
10½	8½	Union Square	9	...	...	...	...
317	243	Warner	272	...	...	5.1	24.1
249	218	Warnford	248	...	7.5	3.8	18.2
7½	2½	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
104	76	Wates	77	...	...	...	...
105	82	Wood John D▲	95	...	...	1.0	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic▲	41	...	...	...	...
231	200	Headlam	219 †	...	...	1.8	∞
405	315	Lambert	315 †	...	13.7	5.5	∞
75	53	Pittards	68 †	...	...	1.8	...
26	21	Strong & Fisher	23 †	...	...	5.4	15.7
250	227	Stylo	236	...	...	2.2	∞
67	57	UK Safety	64 †	...	...	5.1	13.4

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	514	Allied Text	558	...	...	2.9	19.3
71	56	Beckman (A)	59	...	...	7.7	12.4
47	26	Bolton Gp	44	...	...	...	...
226	183	Br Mohair	196 †	...	...	5.4	26.6
68	38	Chartwell▲	51	...	...	...	...
385	330	Claremont Gn	359 †	...	7.1	2.8	∞
593	451	Courtauld Text	539 †	+1	...	3.3	19.0
35	11	Cupid▲	18	+1	...	...	...
184	124	Dawson	159	-1	...	6.0	12.1
36	31	Drummond	31	...	...	...	...
80	72	Faupel▲	72	...	4.9	8.5	11.1
29	24	Foster (John)	26	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	160	...	...	3.4	...
249	222	Hicking Pnest	225	...	...	2.3	15.9
73	58	Jerome (S)	63	...	...	0.4	...
485	395	Lamont	443	...	12.5	3.6	∞
340	314	Leeds	314	-3	...	2.3	16.6
101	78	Lyles (S)	78	...	...	5.3	...
212	125	Magellan	175 †	...	1.4	1.0	...
266	193	Parkland	245	+14	...	0.9	...
112	97	Readicut	99	-½	...	4.3	18.7
70	51	SEET	64	...	...	...	...
146	124½	Sirdar	128 †	...	...	5.3	8.8
64	54	Stirling Gp	58	...	1.9	4.1	16.1
46	35	Stoddard	36	...	...	5.2	33.5
330	275	Tomkinsons	315	...	...	4.6	26.7
49	34	West Trust	40	-1	...	8.4	...
280	239	Yorklyde	270	-31	6.0	2.8	∞

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	435½	BAT	438 †	+2	...	5.7	12.2
409	386	Rothmans	388	...	...	4.0	12.2

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
627	544	Assoc Br Ports	546 †	-1	...	2.1	26.0
1083	965	BAA	995	+10	...	2.1	24.5
128	111	Badgerline	122	...	...	4.2	...
496½	390	Br Airways	407	+1	...	3.3	17.1
108	80	Clarkson (H)	80	-2	1.7	2.8	∞
665	470	Eurotunnel Uts	470	-6	...	...	...
87	55	Fisher (James)	58	...	...	...	...
310	253	IoM Steam	302 †	...	...	3.6	11.5
55	39	Jacobs (JI)	53 †	...	3.3	7.8	∞
111	94	Lon O'Seas Frts	94	...	...	1.4	17.2
524	443	Mersey Docks	454 †	+1	...	2.9	22.9
322	245	Natl Express	305 †	+6	...	3.1	∞
291	224	NFC	232	-4	...	3.8	35.4
348	263	Ocean Group	295	-4	...	6.3	14.4
91	71	Ocean Wilsn	84	-1	4.0	6.0	15.2
743	612½	P & O Dfd	729 †	+6	...	5.2	∞
163	153	P & O 5 1/2%	161	-1	...	4.3	...
705	631	Powell Duffryn	671	...	...	4.2	21.3
96½	88	Seacon▲	89	+1	...	3.2	30.2
206	153	Stagecoach	195	...	...	2.4	21.7
127	85½	TNT	97½	...	...	...	...
915	803	Tibbet & Britn	850 †	+7	14.2	2.1	∞
79	36	Tiphook	36	...	...	...	...
327	252	TDG	252 †	-10	...	4.7	16.9
132	98	Ugland	122	...	...	...	...
160	152	Utd Carriers	152	...	...	...	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	480	Anglian Water	485	+4	...	5.6	8.6
365	340	Mid Kent Hldgs	343	...	...	3.9	12.7
751	587	Northumbrian	587	-5	...	4.0	6.9
611	487	North West	493	+5	...	5.6	8.2
645	507	Severn Trent	512	+5	...	5.3	7.5
682	500	Sthrn Water	513	+10	...	5.3	7.5
1595	1525	Sth Staffs	1553	...	48.5	3.9	11.1
675	505	South West	509	+3	...	6.0	8.2
611	485	Thames Water	496	-3	...	5.5	8.5
744	608	Welsh Water	613	+5	...	4.9	6.2
759½	605	Wessex Water	608	...	...	4.6	9.7
630	484	Yorkshire W	485	-2	...	5.6	8.1

Source: Finstat

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SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
102	100	Exch 13¼% 1994	100	...	13.50	...
102	100	Treas 10% 1994	100	-	9.93	5.13
104	102	Exch 12½% 1994	102	-	12.20	5.13
103	102	Treas 9% 1994	102 †	...	8.81	5.26
107	104	Treas 12% 1995	104	-	11.44	5.36
98	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	97 †	...	3.07	5.03
107	105	Exch 10¼% 1995	105	-	9.73	5.81
113	109	Treas 12¾% 1995	109	-	11.61	6.07
117	112	Treas 14% 1996	112	-	12.43	6.25
121	116	Treas 15¼% 1996	116	-	13.10	6.47
117	112	Exch 13¼% 1996	112	-	11.75	6.51
112	107	Conv 10% 1996	107 †	-	9.33	6.89
121	115	Treas 13¼% 1997	115	...	11.51	7.08
114	108	Exch 10½% 1997	108	-	9.69	7.16
110	104	Treas 8¾% 1997	104	-	8.40	7.30
131	122	Exch 15% 1997	122	-	12.21	7.45
114	106	Exch 9¾% 1998	107	-	9.10	7.50
106	98	Treas 7¼% 1998	99	-	7.30	7.39
102	96	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98 †	...	6.87	7.23
131	121	Treas 14% 1998-01	121 †	-	11.51	7.71
140	127	Treas 15½% 1998	129	-	12.02	7.62
125	114	Exch 12% 1998	116 †	-	10.33	7.71
116	105	Treas 9½% 1999	107	-	8.87	7.64

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
104	92	Treas 6% 1999	93	-	6.42	7.48
128	116	Exch 12¼% 1999	117	-	10.41	7.83
121	109	Treas 10½% 1999	111 †	-	9.45	7.77
121	109	Conv 10¼% 1999	110	...	9.26	7.83
116	105	Conv 9% 2000	105	+	8.52	7.75
136	123	Treas 13% 2000	124	+	10.48	8.00
106	95	Treas 7% 2001	95 †	+	7.32	7.75
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	110	+	9.05	7.96
122	109	Treas 9¾% 2002	110	+	8.83	8.00
113	100	Treas 8% 2003	100	+	7.94	7.86
127	112	Treas 10% 2003	112	+	8.85	8.00
129	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	117	+	9.81	8.25
86	74	Fund 3½% 1999-04	75	+	4.66	6.90
105	92	Treas 6¾% 2004	92	+	7.28	7.75
125	110	Conv 9½% 2004	110	+	8.58	7.94
125	110	Conv 9½% 2005	111	+	8.55	7.94
145	126	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127 †	+	9.80	8.26
111	99	Treas 8% 2002-06	99	+	8.01	8.00
112	98	Treas 7¾% 2006	98	+	7.94	7.88
136	120	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	121	+	9.68	8.25
119	104	Treas 8½% 2007	104	+	8.11	7.89
151	133	Treas 13½% 2004-08	134	+	10.02	8.26
124	108	Treas 9% 2008	109	+	8.25	7.91

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	99	Treas 8% 2009	100	+	7.96	7.91
120	109	Conv 9% 2011	110	+	8.17	7.90
123	109	Treas 9% 2012	110	+	8.15	7.89
93	77	Treas 5½% 2008-12	79	+	6.95	7.64
114	98	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	99	+	7.81	7.86
117	100	Treas 8% 2013	101	+	7.91	7.86
159	137	Exch 12% 2013-17	138	+	8.68	8.06
128	108	Treas 8¾% 2017	109	+	8.00	7.86

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
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37	29	Treas 2½%	30	...	8.30	...

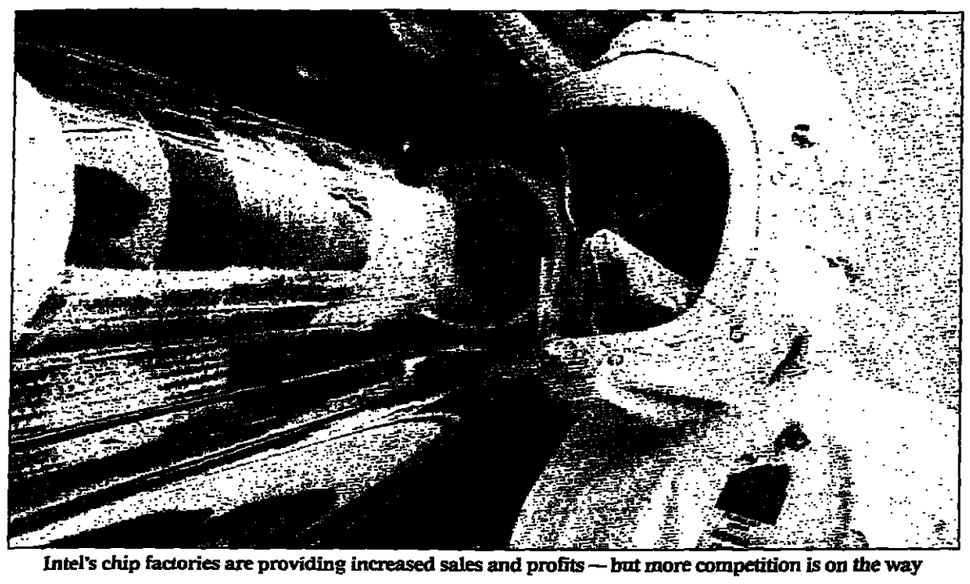
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203	198	Treas IL 2% 1996	198	...	2.03	2.17
113	107	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107 †	-	2.44	3.20
176	168	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168	-	2.80	3.21
173	164	Treas IL 2½% 2003	165 †	-	2.92	3.25
118	111	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	112	-	2.92	3.24
184	172	Treas IL 2% 2006	173	-	3.01	3.27
167	155	Treas IL 2½% 2009	157 †	-	3.17	3.39
175	161	Treas IL 2½% 2011	163	-	3.21	3.41
146	133	Treas IL 2½% 2013	134	-	3.27	3.45
157	142	Treas IL 2½% 2016	143	-	3.33	3.50
152	137	Treas IL 2½% 2020	137	-	3.39	3.53
129	114	Treas IL 2½% 2024	115	-	3.38	3.52
128	114	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	114	-	3.40	3.54

INFOTECH

All eyes on IBM results

Losses and profits: what next, asks **Matthew May**



Intel's chip factories are providing increased sales and profits — but more competition is on the way

The gaze of computer industry watchers around the world was firmly fixed on IBM yesterday as it announced it had made a first-quarter profit of £265 million and increased sales by 2 per cent to more than £9 billion. Analysts argue that the figures — the second consecutive quarterly profit — should mean that the worst is over for a company that in 1992 managed to gain the unpleasant accolade of having reported the world's largest-ever corporate loss.

But the twists and turns of the computer industry continue to baffle even the experts. Many were seriously caught out last Friday by the scale of losses reported by Digital Equipment, the second largest US computer maker.

Digital reported third-quarter losses of £124 million, six times the figure for the same period a year ago. Revenue for the latest quarter was 6 per cent down at £2.2 billion. The loss was four times greater than many analysts predicted.

For many years, Digital, which specialised in mini-computers, ignored the big switch to personal computers. It has sought to restructure by reducing the work force, revamping the management and introducing new products that use a powerful home-grown chip called the Alpha.

Digital says that computers using the Alpha chip and its belated range of personal computers are selling well but clearly at profit margins that cannot cover the costs of running even a slimmed down company. Now it says it will speed up restructuring plans and cut 8 per cent of employees, or 7,000 jobs, within three months. Digital's bleak results, which Robert Palmer, president and chief executive, says suprised even him, are not just a sign of an industry in recession.

Microsoft and Intel, the two companies dominating the PC market, continue their run of rising profits and sales. This week Intel announced that first-quarter earnings rose to £417 million, up by 13 per cent from the same period in 1993, while sales rose 31 per cent to £1.8 billion.

Similarly, Microsoft says that profits for the first three months of 1994 rose 5 per cent to £173 million, despite having made a one-off payment of more than £80 million to cover the cost of a law suit it lost earlier this year. Sales for the quarter were up 30 per cent to £838 million, compared with the same period in 1993.

Digital may take some comfort from the fact that both companies benefit from having products that have become *de facto* standards in the PC business. But the same cannot be said for the success of Compaq which, faced with declining profit margins, heavily restructured the company.

This week, it announced record sales of £1.55 billion for its first quarter, a 41 per cent increase over the same period in 1993. Profits doubled to £144 million.

In a year's time, the picture may be somewhat different, particularly because of the amount of competition heading Intel's way as its continuing success points the minds of other companies to the huge profits possible.

Last week, the French-Italian group SGS-Thomson said that it will start selling clones of Intel's industry standard 486 and Pentium chips under its own name. The chips are designed by Cyrix, a Texas-based company also likely to give Intel more competition because of a licensing agreement it has just signed with IBM, under which IBM will manufacture Cyrix chips.

This week, IBM and Motorola said that they have completed development of the Power PC 604, a chip aimed at mainstream desktop personal computers and claimed to be at least twice as fast as Pentium, Intel's current top of the range.

ONLINE

Europe buys into Soho

THE number of "Soho" buyers, a group of people categorised as such by the computer industry because they buy cheap personal computers for their small office or home office (soho), is "burgeoning" across Europe, according to Romtec, a research firm. Germany and The Netherlands have taken the lead, it says, because small businesses in Britain and France "don't see the need to buy PCs".

Romtec estimates that by the end of 1994 only one-third of small businesses in Britain will use a PC.

New numbers

BT has issued a warning to businesses to prepare for the changes planned for telephone numbers. On April 16, 1995, all area codes, except for five cities, will have an extra 1 added after the initial 0 and the international code will change from 010 to 00.

Businesses will have to reprogramme switchboards, print new telephone and fax codes on stationery and ensure signs and advertising carry the new number.

Training

INCREASING use of the Internet global computer network by business has resulted in a one day training course for non-technical executives. Internet is fairly user-unfriendly to all but the most computer-literate.

Athena Systems Design, of London, the course organiser, says it keeps "excursions into Internet's complexities"to a minimum. The cost is about £250 a person.

Fake holograms

MICROSOFT is seeking nearly £15 million in a trademark infringement case in China. The case stems from raids in which police seized tens of thousands of fake holograms —



insignia that appear to be three-dimensional and are used to identify Microsoft products — at the Shenzhen Reflective Materials Institute in Guangdong Province, about 10 miles from Hong Kong, in early 1992.

False alarm

A COMPUTER glitch triggered a mistaken *tsunami* (tidal wave) warning in western Japan on Tuesday. The Osaka District Meteorological Observatory issued a major *tsunami* warning for coastal areas along Osaka Bay but retracted it five minutes later.

The warning was inadvertently issued while work was under way to renew a computer program at the observatory's earthquake and *tsunami* surveillance centre.

Software swap

JAPAN'S NEC is considering a software alliance headed by General Magic of the United States by injecting capital into the software house in exchange for software for multimedia communications. NEC is expected to get next-generation communications software and the operating system under a licensing agreement and to begin an interactive communications service next year.

Relaunch

EUTELSAT, the European company that lost one of its satellites in an Ariane crash, says it is negotiating with General Dynamics to launch its Hot Bird Plus.

The US company was chosen because the European Space Agency had fully booked its Ariane missile launches through August 1996, when the telecommunications firm wants to put its satellite into orbit.

Ariane has placed 85 satellites in orbit and has 37 more orders to fill.

Special features on your equipment could save lots of money on phone bills

Ignorance of the fax will cost you

FACSIMILE machines may be an unexpectedly pricey corporate tool, according to an American survey by Gallup, *writes Matthew May*.

The poll of 400 daily fax users in America reports that the machines take a hidden toll on large corporations, because more than half do not track fax costs.

But, based on companies' telephone costs and the percentage telecommunication managers attributed to fax transmission, the survey estimated that as much as 25 per cent of a company's total telephone costs were spent on fax transmission.

More than 75 per cent of respondents from both large and mid-size companies had no idea how much it cost to send each fax, although most send more than 100 pages per day.

Another finding was that 55 per cent of all facsimile traffic in large companies was sent from one location to another within the same company, although not necessarily the same building. And 84 per cent of the companies have never trained their employees in how to use fax machines.

But several features could save money. "Delay-send", which ensures documents do not go out until the evening when telephone rates are lower, could save companies 10 per cent on phone bills if used on just one-quarter of the documents sent each day.

"Fax has become a primary means of communication for business, but management of this critical technology has been ignored," says Meredith Fischer, a spokeswoman for Pitney Bowes, which commissioned the survey.

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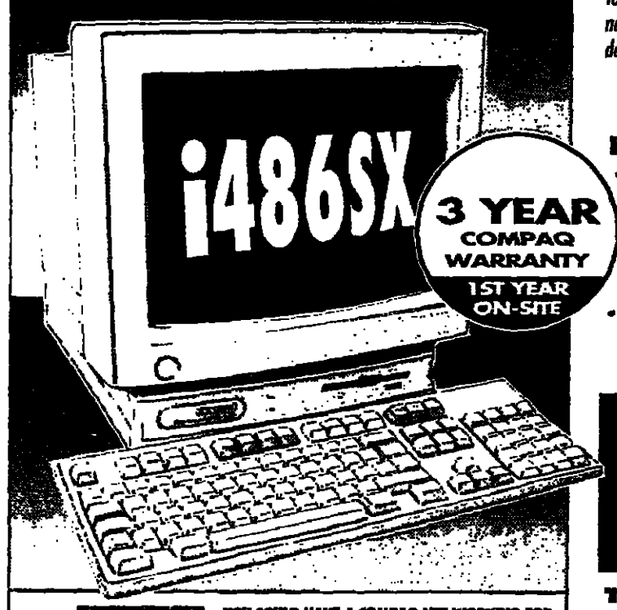
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More than a nuisance

Dr Steven Bellovin tells Jane Bird how experience with a hacker led him to write a book to help other victims

When Dr Steven Bellovin spotted a hacker on the computer system at AT&T in January 1991, he decided that instead of shutting the impostor out he would monitor his activities. Dr Bellovin, AT&T's computer security expert, wanted to find out what techniques the electronic invader was using so he could check his defences and warn other victims.

The hacker had entered AT&T's system via Internet, the world's largest computer network, which links about 20 million users worldwide. Pioneered by universities, Internet is increasingly used by companies, financial institutions and government departments to exchange information, place orders and, in some cases, to make payments.

For the next four months, the hacker, known as "Berferd", used AT&T's computer as a springboard to attack numerous other organisations on Internet.

The culmination came on May 1, when he assaulted some 300 computers including ministries and military sites. By this time Dr Bellovin knew the identity of the caller, but nothing could be done because hacking was at that time legal in The Netherlands, where the hacker lived.

Within a few days, AT&T's lawyers decided to shut Berferd out for fear that the company would be accused of harbouring hackers.

Dr Bellovin had been shocked by the arsenal of weapons Berferd had created and because few of the target organisations knew that they had been hit. To raise awareness of the dangers, and to provide guidance on how to thwart hackers, he has co-written a book, to be published in Britain soon.



Bellovin: thwarted hackers

"As more and more companies join computer networks they are becoming increasingly vulnerable to hacker attack," Dr Bellovin says. Some hackers are just casual snoopers but about once a week AT&T is subject to a serious assault. Extremely severe attacks happen once a month.

"The first problem is the nuisance factor. But it does not stop there because hackers usually want to secure a back door so that they can get back into the machine — the equivalent of digging a tunnel from the inside out."

If hackers think they have been detected, they will probably wipe all of the victim's files to destroy any incriminating traces they may have left behind. The problem is that few companies have adequate safeguards. Often they are using machines designed before the days of networking when security needs were simpler.

"For example," says Dr Bellovin, "lots of organisations don't monitor the number of failed password attempts." Hackers can set up their machines to go through dictionaries of foreign languages all through the night until they find a legitimate password.

Passwords are one of the weakest points in most security systems, says Dr Bellovin. Hackers need to be stopped at the front door. He recommends never choosing a real word or variations of your name, birthdate, or those of your friends or family. Instead you should mix letters, numbers and punctuation marks in an oddball sequence of no fewer than eight characters.

Even better are one-off passwords because they also protect against the risk of wire-tapping. Dr Bellovin carries a digital bleeper that emits a unique password every time he wants to access the computer.

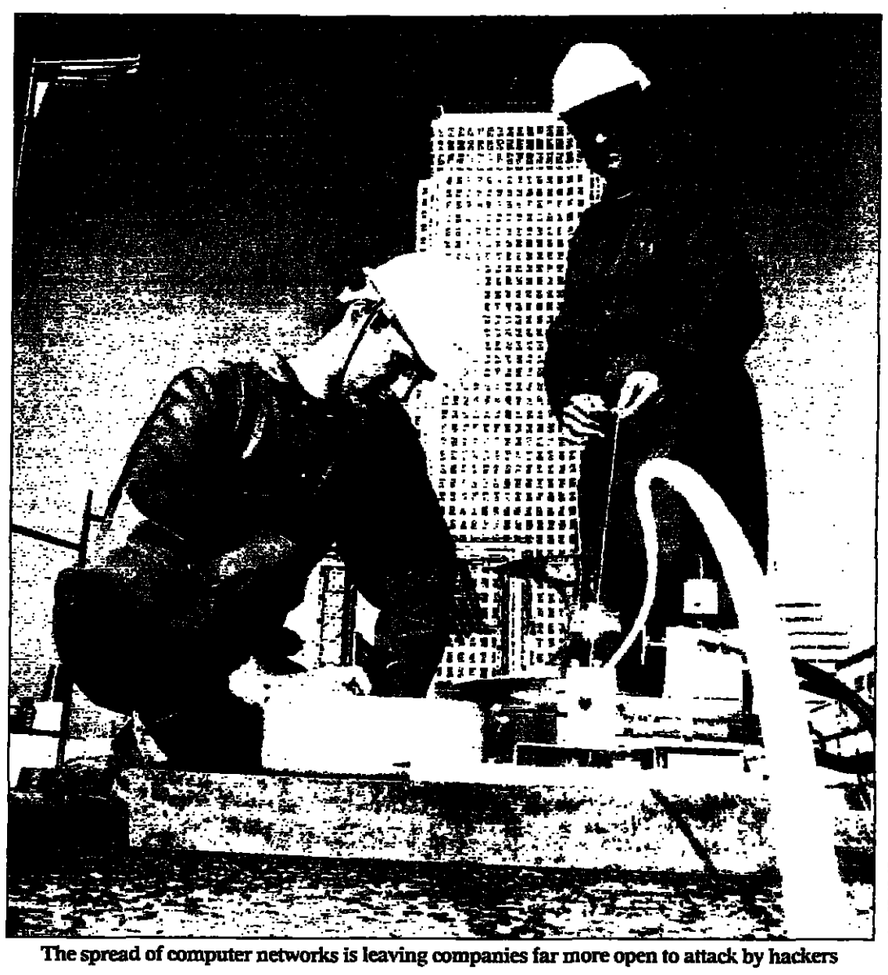
In his book, Dr Bellovin describes how to build a "firewall", the electronic equivalent of a security desk in the lobby of an office building, as opposed to locks on the doors of all the rooms.

If you spot hackers, you should stop them in their tracks immediately, Dr Bellovin advises, because you do not know what damage they will do if they suspect they are being watched. He does not recommend a Berferd-style surveillance operation. "We had the luxury of the equipment, experience and staff to do it," he explains.

Dr Bellovin is against hiring hackers who have become security consultants. "They may not have truly reformed and perhaps cannot be trusted to keep your secrets." It depends on whether you think you can trust them, he says. He has his own code of ethics against hackers. For example, he does not try to break into their computers in an attempt to learn more about the attacks.

"When we found that our machine was being used as a repository for pirated software," Dr Bellovin adds, "we resisted the temptation to replace those programs with virus-infected versions."

● *Firewalls and Internet Security — Repelling the Wily Hacker by Steve Bellovin and William Cheswick will be published by Addison Wesley on July 1.*



The spread of computer networks is leaving companies far more open to attack by hackers



Insignia's marketing director, David Angwin: "Most people think software like this must have come from the US"

A small company is involved in a big American push for sales success

Biting off a bit of the Apple

It has been difficult to escape a tidal wave of advertising for Apple's new Power Macintosh, the high-speed personal computer designed to pitch the company back into battle with Microsoft Windows machines.

Like the concept for the computers themselves, the campaign hails straight from Silicon Valley, full of laidback style, the promise of pleasurable computing and more than a little hype.

Nowhere does it indicate that one of the key selling points of the campaign was born in a plain industrial estate office in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Britain's foray into mass market high-tech development through ventures such as the Sinclair and BBC computers proved short-lived in a business that soon became dominated by Americans.

But PC innovation continues in the most unlikely of places. If Apple's new computers are to broaden their customer base, the company has to convince a sceptical public that the machine will also run Microsoft Windows applications alongside the more usual Macintosh ones.

For that capability, Apple had to turn to the one company in the world founded expressly to make PC applications run on computers for which they were never intended. Insignia Solutions was founded in High Wycombe in 1986 with venture capital from British and Dutch sources. The company's products let users of Macs, and workstations from DEC, Hewlett Packard, IBM and Sun, run applications from the PC world, with the blessing of Microsoft, which has licensed the actual code of Windows to Insignia to make the emulation as efficient as possible.

Insignia's aim is simply stated: the company "builds" a software PC inside the rival computer environment, then installs a real version of Microsoft's operating system on it. Once the operating system is there, normal DOS or Windows software can be run just as it would on a conventional PC.

Emulation is a curious by-road of modern computing, although one which has brought Insignia a fast-growing turnover of £13 million and a staff of more than 170, most of them highly technical software engineers.

The company has no serious rivals for its broad family of products, leaving an eager Apple with nowhere else to turn to but High Wycombe.

David Angwin, Insignia's marketing director, says. "The expectation of most people is that software like this must have been developed in the US. The profile of our customers is very much that of an American software company. We sell far more software in the American market than we do in Europe."

As a result, the company has taken the unusual step of appointing a chief executive officer and sales team based in Mountain View, California, in the heart of Silicon Valley, while building up its development staff in Buckinghamshire.

Mr Angwin says: "There is a great advantage in having a central engineering team here while sales and marketing are led from America. Our engineering team has a lot of experience. There is no reason why we would want to move them from the UK."

Insignia is not the only British element behind Apple's ventures. Apple is also a stakeholder in Advanced Risc Machines (ARM), housed in a converted barn outside Cambridge. It is a 43-strong, chip-design company which lies behind the processors that power a variety of machines, including Apple's electronic notepad, the Newton, Acorn computers, 3DO multimedia machines and the graphics of Rediffusion professional flight simulators.

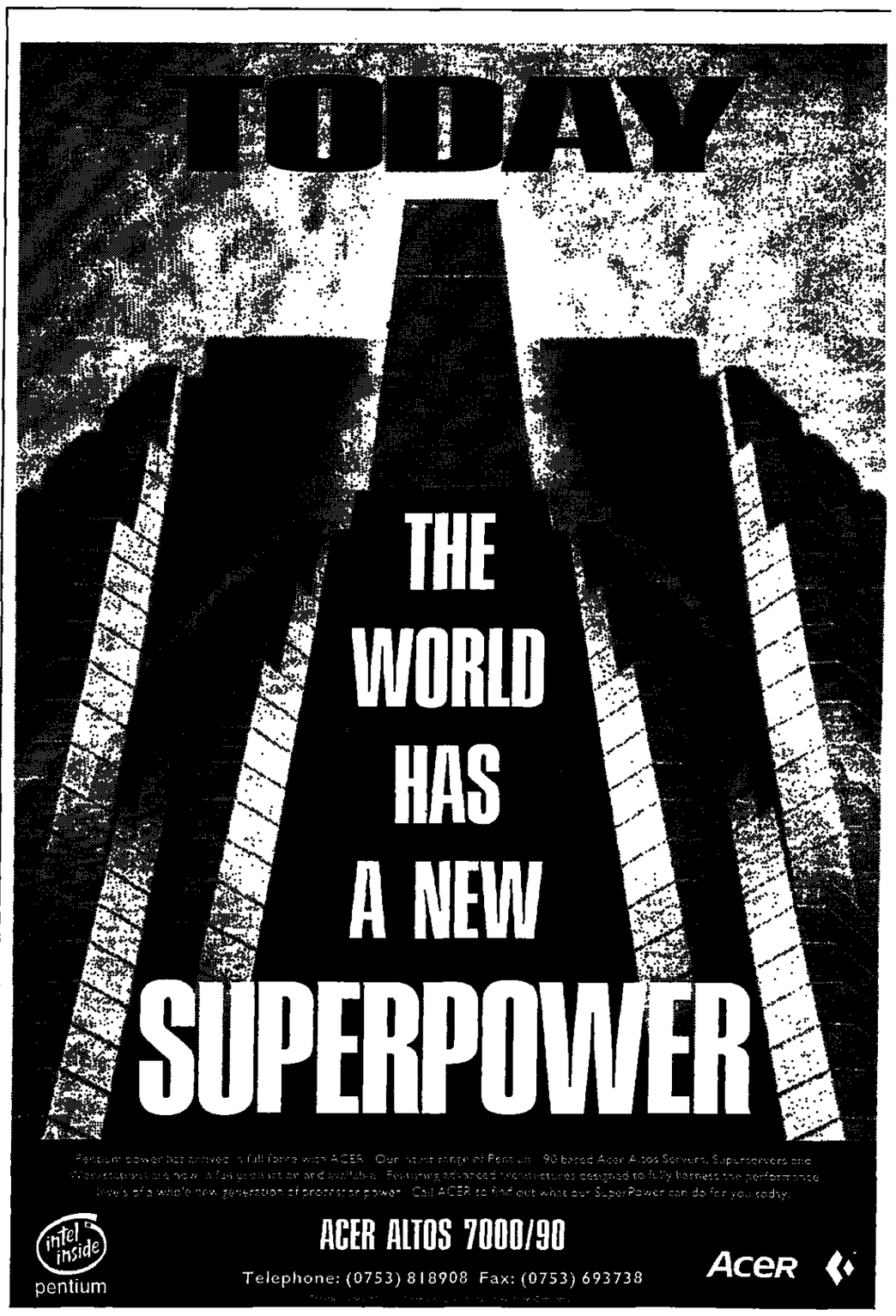
ARM designs chips that run quickly but are cheap to produce and consume little power. The processors are then made under licence by a number of international manufacturers. More than two million ARM chips have been shipped since the company was founded in 1990 as a spin-off from Acorn Computers, which is now owned by Olivetti of Italy.

There are, however, always problems ahead for any industries that are essentially clients of larger corporations.

Will Insignia also come under threat from a world of converging standards which one day promises to deliver applications that run on any PC, whatever the operating system?

"We ask ourselves that question all the time." Mr Angwin says. "Maybe one day we will get to the point where the hardware doesn't matter, the software will always run on it, but it still seems to be a long time off."

DAVID HEWSON





IT needs outsiders

Experts are shedding their specialist skins to be more general but **David Guest** says there is some way to go

A critical communications gap found in the highest levels of companies may be closing. Research by the consultancy arm of Sema, a computer services company, says IT chiefs are coming in from the cold.

"Over the past ten years we believe that IT professionals have been steadily shedding their reputation as technical specialists to become generalists," the report says. But a round-table discussion held by Grosvenor Stewart, a recruitment agency, at the end of last month involving IT heads from the public and private sector, suggests there is still some way to go. Agreement on the need for general managers in charge of IT contrasts with a doubt about finding enough suitable and willing people.

The technological element of IT discourages managers from outside the discipline from moving in. To increase the flow, positive discrimination against managers who have ascended the usual IT career ladder was suggested.

David Morgan, IT director of Fisons' pharmaceuticals division, says: "You don't need to know the ins and outs of IT, you need to know how to manage the people who do". Mr Morgan is an example of what could be a new breed of IT director. Once a teacher, he has also worked in the pharmaceutical industry in sales and finance.

"Managing IT can be a niche occupation in companies that see IT as a problem," he says. Emphasising the requirement for people of broader backgrounds at the top of the IT tree, he adds: "You should discriminate positively against people who have climbed the ladder on technical abilities. Business re-engineering means finding managers to run the business better." They could come from the ranks of disenchanted IT people — who " used to be writing code, now they draw boxes."

The shortage of suitable IT managers is still pronounced, says , Stephanie Twigg, the IT manager for Grosvenor Stewart. But she objects to the fashionable term "hybrid" manager, saying that repetition has devalued it.

Alexis Cleveland, IT director of The Benefits Agency, suggests the explanation may lie in the forbidding image of IT. "You don't need detailed technical knowledge — we have people who have not come up through the traditional IT channels," she says. "But perhaps the problem is in finding people who have the confidence to move into IT from outside."

Mr Morgan believes that IT people may still be their own worst enemies in this respect. "They speak different languages, they huddle together, they even get put in separate places," he says. "There is still a mystique about IT."

The Sema report concentrates on the language issue in a focus on internal company communications. A quarter of the 158 respondents said their main piece of advice to IT professionals would be: "Listen more to users."

One senior executive is quoted as saying: "When I speak to my IT colleague, I am speaking 'digitally'. It is exact, very precise. If I am speaking to a finance or marketing manager, then you could think of this in terms of 'analogue' conversation — we can talk in concepts. I can explain what I want in broad terms. With the data processing people, the brief has to be tight."

The report argues that the way people communicate with each other within organisations will be central to the success of organisational changes. In 70 per cent of the enterprises surveyed, internal communications was at or near the top of the agenda for senior management.

The report argues that the information flows within an organisation should be the raw material of IT. The fact that those flows embrace everyone in the operation should give IT professionals contacts at every level.

JULIAN HERBERT



David Morgan, head of IT at Fisons' pharmaceuticals division: "You need to know how to manage the people"

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TONY WHITE

"My kingdom for a horse": the battle of Bosworth in Northern Broadsides' modern-dress production of *Richard III* which plays at the Tower of London until tomorrow

Richard storms the Tower

Shakespeare is being performed in the Tower of London, perhaps for the first time. A chilled but eager **Jeremy Kingston** reports

Some years ago, Tommy Steele came to the Tower of London, having "a song to sing, O!" as Jack Point in *The Yeomen of the Guard*. But that was on a sage erected in the drained moat, whereas Barrie Rutter's Yorkshire-bsed company, Northern Broadsdes, has penetrated the curtain wal and the inner ramparts, and chosen 'or this play a cobbled slope betweer the Salt and Lanthorn Towers

Looking to our right, the actors can see theprecipitous south face of the White 'ower. So when Queen Elizabeth cres "Pity, you ancient stones, those tader babes," she stares directly at thvery place where her princely offspring are immured, and invokes those stfsame stones.

Well,in one sense this is not what theatreis about. And if the Chorus from *Henry V* had survived the fall of the House of Lancaster, he might well have asked us to play with our fanciesand eke out the performance with our mind. In other words, use some imagination. But there is another sense, call it historical or plain curiosity, in which the gap in reality is felt to close enjoyably if *this* arch is the very one Lord Hastings walked under on his way to the block, or out of *that* door the Bishop of Ely dashed to fetch Richard good strawberries from his Holborn garden.

In fact, the particular arch that the actor playing Hastings walks under is clearly labelled "Queen Elizabeth II Arch", casting an anachronistic sceptre into the works, but you get my drift.

Rutter's production may be the first Shakespeare ever played within these venerable walls, unless Sir Francis Bacon, during his reluctant residence, persuaded his jailers to act out a scene from some piece he had scribbled down years earlier — *Romeo and Juliet*, say — before handing it over to a bearded, balding hack from Stratford.

So, on a mild evening that looked as if it might soon turn chilly, an audience queued up to have its bags searched outside Middle Tower. Then over what used to be the moat, under the functioning portcullis of the Byward Tower, past the Bloody Tower, disappointingly unstained. Bearded Yeomen watched us thoughtfully as we trooped beneath the Watergate — not *that* Watergate: the one Henry III built in 1220. The black birds on the grass turned out to be blackbirds, but we later discovered that the Royal Keeper had agreed to feed and bed his ravens early so as not to flummox the actors.

Seating has been erected at the corner of the Royal Armouries, an entity that plans to transfer much of its collection to a purpose-built museum in Leeds. In someone's brain a connection was made between Yorkshire and the Tower, Northern Broadsides and Richard III and lo, it came to pass that hundreds of us stared down at Rutter's company of 15 and wished the brain had managed one further connection and waited till the April of our discontent had been made glorious summer.

When I saw this production two years ago, I felt that the shortened vowels of the Yorkshire voices gave a strong sound but lacked the flexibility for subtle verse-speaking. This is no longer the case. Rutter himself, playing Richard, can woo us, as he woos the London Citizens, with guile and mockery. But his villain remains mischievous, not malevolent.

Dave Hill's snarling Buckingham, or Bookingham, points the verse ably and Ishia Bennison gives a blistering performance as the spitfire Elizabeth, stamping on the cobbles with her stiletto heals. But several minor characters are dimly played, and Rutter allows such peculiarities as a group of five men who are obliged to remain motionless during an overlong scene of royal cursing.

Just as Richard is setting off to muster his men, the Yeomen in some other part of the tower began an evening ceremony involving keys and played the *Last Post*, marching off into the distance as Richard returns with his clog-footed soldiers. Less helpful, however, is the awkward slope of the cobblestone path that made it impossible for the battle of Bosworth, represented last time by a lengthy clog dance, to continue for more than a dozen paces. A pity, because the rousing climax could give the show an invigorating end.

The run continues till tomorrow. Go for the architectural background: the steps leading up to the battlements are even labelled "Medieval Palace". But wrap up thickly.

ENTERTAINMENT

Life with a one-man band

A consummate raconteur reopens a beautifully restored theatre

An Evening with Peter Ustinov
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1

Peter Ustinov, unshowy and yet quietly splendid performing solo at 73, fits rather snugly into the restored Haymarket, which is freshly painted in warm old gold. His accounts of preposterous ambassadorial dinners and Hollywood stars are wittily self-mocking as well as magnanimous. The blown-up photographs of him could go, but he is a consummate raconteur, running through his life from swotting flies with grandpa and being a salamander at drama school (all darting tongue and splayed fingers) to today.

By the end, Ustinov is burlesquing a German curator of a museum of musical fragments and metamorphosing into a one-man band. Becoming a neapolitan singer, he wails romantically with a face like a stomach ache. In between, his tongue flickers again creating a kind of burbling pizzicato while his hands frantically pluck thin air, as if the salamander of Ustinov's youth is back again and giving the guitar a shot.

Thereby the evening, though made up of scraps (jokes, impersonations and anecdotes), comes full circle. Though he fumbles for his words sometimes, Ustinov is still as imaginatively playful as his childbood self. Balancing bulkily on a high stool — dangerously like Humpty Dumpty — he seems at once a bouncy baby and your ideal great-uncle telling family stories. He can make me laugh though I'm two generations his junior, and without trying half as hard as many alternative comedians.

Ustinov has girth. He embraces coziness and a cutting edge. He rambles gently recollecting early visits to Estonia: broken verandas and the smell of drying mushrooms. Later he is sharply satirical: a pea-brained Ronald Reagan bumbling through a banquet, pushed to remember Nancy's name. The pleasure of Ustinov's humour is akin to sipping hot chocolate followed by a stiff chaser.

He also encompasses the planet. While he is plummily English, he has Russian, Swiss, Ethiopian and French blood in his veins. He is part of the British Establishment and has an outsider's wry angle on it. Now, continent-hopping for Unicef, which he talks about with brief seriousness near the close, he has the licence to amuse with an array of funny accents.



Peter Ustinov: coziness with a cutting edge

A recurring motif is non-communication. His diplomats talk in different kinds of gibberish. Simply pulling faces, he does a great line in people rendered speechless. Yet, thus, his show is internationally comprehensible. That visiting German curator, unable to think of the word for "union", testily slams his spread fingers together to show us what he means. Ustinov creates a sense of intimacy that crosses the footlights: people lean towards him when they laugh.

KATE BASSETT

OPIRA: A Judith Weir premiere at ENO

Fairy-tale lost in the telling

An absorbing new British score is letdown by a hyperactive staging

Blond Eckbert
Coliseum

"THE marvellous mingled with the commonplace" the protagonist of Judith Weir's new opera remarks towards the endas he descends into the maelstorm of self-knowledge. The words could well describe the story by Ludwig Tieck (1796) that fascinated the composer for ten years before she felt ready to set it as an opera, a story that is a airy-tale in form but a psychoanalyst's casebook in content — a century and more before Freud started publishing. Those words also suggest one reason why Wednesday's premiere did not quite achieve the triumph it deserved: there was nothing commonplace in the staging with which the marvellous could mingle.

But of the quality of Weir's score there can be no doubt. She is a composer who post-modernistically respects rather than rejectsthe past. "One of the reasons I began to compose in thfirst place," she said in a recent interview, "was preciselybecause I loved the music I hard." She takes what she nees from the past and transforms it into her own admirably economic musical language: *Ekbert* lasts less than 90 mintes and, as with Janáček, youfeel there isn't a single note tht doesn't need to be there.

In *A Night at the Chinese Opera* Weir used authentic Chinese msical elements, and *The Vanishing Bridegroom* was not through with Scottish folkmusic; while she denies any influence of German romanticism in *Eckbert*, it is undeniably there, and more than subliminally. Horn-calls, for instance, herald a *Schöne Müllerin*-style Lied; a rippling Mahlerian figure conjures up the rustling of the forest trees; and the extremely beautiful introduction to the second act bears the fingerprints of virtually every German romantic from Weber to Bruckner — yet in its directness and simplicity the score is inescapably Weir. It is also cunningly put together, with telling motives, splashes of orchestral colour and natural-sounding speech melody combining to unfold a narrative in a coherent and gripping manner.

The narrative, so near-innocent on the surface, so nightmarish in its implications, concerns the knight Eckbert, his wife Berthe and his friend Walther. The first act is dominated by Berthe's narration of her unhappy childhood; Walther casually lets drop that he knows more about that childhood than even Berthe or Eckbert do, and is murdered in the second act. But he pops up again as various figures from past and present, and it emerges that in this generously populated version of Schoenberg's *Erwartung* every character is in some sense an extension of Eckbert himself.

So concise, so infinitely complex Weir has fashioned a text of bewildering density, one which demands fierce concentration. Tim Hopkins's hyperinventive production — all grey suits, *Caligari*-esque distortion, jerky movements and wild-eyed expressionist mugging — seemed to me essentially misguided. How I longed for Nigel Lowery's cloths and gauzes to stop whizzing up and down, for his film to be switched off, for the facetious shadow-puppetry to be banished, so that we could actually listen to Anne-Marie Owens singing Berthe's narration, and how I hated the piece of scenery that masked Christopher Ventris (Walther) as he sang the line on which the whole plot hinges.



DONALD COOPER

Nerys Jones's Bird intervenes regularly in the narrative

The Bird launches the opera and intervenes regularly with lines that must be heard: diction may not be uppermost in a singer's mind if, as Nerys Jones was, she is suspended in a flying harness throughout. Amid all the flimflam, Nicholas Folwell had little chance to establish Eckbert as a character — this is the opposite of a singer-friendly staging.

It is possible to imagine a more precise account of the score than that delivered by Sian Edwards, and a pit-stage balance more favourable to words. But this is a highly accomplished, beautiful and absorbing new opera. It will receive a completely new production in Santa Fe later this year and I, for one, look forward to it keenly.

RODNEY MILNES

POP: **Alan Jackson** on the big comeback

Queen of schmaltz enchants her fans

Barbra Streisand
Wembley Arena

The more soft-centred of London's radio stations had been featuring her music all day, a tribute normally reserved for those megastars who are newly and tragically deceased. It was not Barbra Streisand herself, however, but her fans who showed every sign of having died and gone to heaven at Wembley on Wednesday.

The last time the recalcitrant diva performed on a British stage, Harold Wilson was resident at 10 Downing Street and the pound in his pocket was enough to ensure red plush accommodation in the stalls for a party of six.

Ticket prices and the reputation of the singer have clearly been subject to spiralling inflation in the interim. Some 28 years and four prime ministers later, it cost members of an excited first-night crowd as much as £260 to bag a better-placed perch amid Wembley Arena's hardly glamorous columns of red plastic seating. In the corridors, groomed and security-vetted patrons vied to outdo each other with horror stories of friends who had paid £500, no £800, no £1,000, on the black market.

When, at 8.20pm precisely, the star rode in on the tidal wave of a 64-piece orchestra playing musical director Marvin Hamlisch's busy-busy overture, it seemed that any price at all would have been a bargain to the faithful. And when, ovation over, she moved through the suitably momentous "Everything's As If We Never Said Goodbye" and into a specially commissioned rewrite of Stephen Sondheim's "I'm Still Here" (complete with self-deprecating references to her dress sense, her tendency to proselytise and a proboscis to rival Cyrano de Bergerac's) it became evident that this was to be an occasion in which mythology and personal magic were inextricably linked.

Alternately soaring and caressing of voice, Streisand moved about her Palm Court extravaganza of a set with seeming calm and ease, despite this being her first European concert. Only the giant Autocue belied her nerves; not only each song line but each apparent ad lib rolled silently upwards in perfect sequence with her delivery.

But evidently that mattered little to an audience soon to become heady on show tunes and standards, each compounding the potent image of a woman who portrayed herself as having overcome every self-doubt to become the premier entertainer of her generation.

The end was sudden and surprisingly short on histrionics. The eccentrically paced programme, its second half significantly shorter than its first, had already used up barnstormers such as "People", "Evergreen" and "My Man" before coming to an abrupt close with a subdued, salutary rendition of "For All We Know".

Minutes after Streisand had left the stage, the Wembley car park was empty. Only the sound of myriad car stereos, each bearing her voice into the London night, offered proof that she had been there at all.

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 4141). Mon, Wed-Sat, 10am-6.45pm; Tues, 10am-5.45pm; Sun 12 noon-6.45pm

ELSEWHERE

LIVERPOOL. Guido Ajmone-Marsan, music director of Essen Opera, conducts the **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic** and mezzo Sally Burgess for a performance of Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin*; Canteloupe's *Songs of the Auvergne*; Falla's *El Amor Brujo* and Debussy's *La Mer*
Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street (051-709 3789). Tomorrow, 7.30pm

SALISBURY Paines Plough and the Playhouse have commissioned Adrian Mitchell and Mike Westbrook to celebrate Wiliam Blake with **Tyger Two**. An updated version of the first musical to be staged at the National.
Playhouse, Malthouse Lane (0722 320333). Opens tonight, 8pm Then Mon-Wed, 7.30pm; Thurs-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm.

Also in **Salisbury**, some 30 artists from around the country, representing a wide variety of disciplines, are setting up shop to sell their work to the public.
City Hall, Malthouse Lane (0722 327676). Sat, 10.30am-4.30pm.

MANCHESTER: The composer John **Adams** joins the **Hallé Orchestra** this weekend for an all-American programme that includes *The Chairman Dances* from his own brilliant opera *Nixon in China*. Also on offer is his *Fearful Symmetries*, Gershwin's Piano Concerto (with Paul Crossley) and John Cage's *First Construction in Metal*.
Free Trade Hall, Peter Street (061-834 1712). Sun, 7.30pm.

HIGH WYCOMBE Peter Knapp's acclaimed **Travelling Opera** near the end of their spring tour with this weekend stop at the Swan. Mozart's *The Magic Flute* is presented tonight and tomorrow and a new staging of *La Traviata* is on Sunday.
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LONDON GALLERIES

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THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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◪ **A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY** Helen Mirren and John Hurt head a great cast for Turgenev's classic of love, jealousy and self-deception.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

■ **THE SKRIKER.** Caryl Churchill's latest an ancient shape-shifter (Kathryn Hunter) bursts out of the Underworld and pursues two young girls. Strange, strong stuff Last performances.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Tue, 7.30pm; mats tomorrow and Tue, 2.30pm ◪

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☐ **TRAVESTIES:** Stoppard's dazzler, transferred after its sell-out season at the Barbican. Antony Sher is the Consul playing fast and loose with memory. Adrian Noble directs.
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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **BACKBEAT** (15): Bouncy, toe-tapping story of the fifth Beatle, Stuart Sutcliffe. With Stephen Dorff, Sheryl Lee and Ian Hart. Director, Iain Softley.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

FEARLESS (15): Strange, powerful tale of air crash survivors, with fearless Jeff Bridges and grief-stricken Rosie Perez. Isabella Rossellini co-stars as Bridges' wife. Director, Peter Weir.
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THE JOY LUCK CLUB (15): Handsome but shallow version of Amy Tan's novel about Chinese-American families and culture. Wayne Wang directs an accomplished ensemble
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◆ **SHADOWLANDS** (U). Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger in Attenborough's skilful rendition of C.S. Lewis's emotional awakening.
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SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin.
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NEW RELEASES

BACK IN THE USSR (15): Dull US potboiler shot in Moscow, with Frank Whaley as a young tourist sucked into the city's underworld. Deran Serafian directs; with Natalya Negoda.
MGMs: Oxford Street (071-630 0310) **Panton Street** (071-930 0631)

BEYOND BEDLAM (18): Serial killer's mental rehabilition goes haywire. Vigorous but overly gruesome British shocker, with Elizabeth Hurley, Craig Fairbrass and Keith Allen. Director, Vadim Jean
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-630 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

PAINTED HEART (15): Failed attempt at off-beat Americana from new director Michael Tasv, with Will Patton and Robert Pastorelli as housepainters clashing in love.
Metro (071-437 0757)

SONATINE Quirky Japanese bloodbath with lyrical interludes from cult director-actor Takeshi Kitano.
ICA (071-930 3647)

CURRENT

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON (12): Worthy, star-studded chronicle of the Aids epidemic, in need of a tighter focus With Matthew Modine, Alan Alda and Ian McKellen. Director, Roger Spottiswoode
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

A journey that's really necessary



Ride — (clockwise from left) Mark Gardener, Steve Queralt, Loz Colbert and Andy Bell — bring their own brand of bright-eyed pop back to the charts

Ride were a hit, then they weren't, now they are again. No wonder Caitlin Moran still can't work out why she loves them so much

Time was when the doe-eyed, kissy-kissy pout of Ride's Mark Gardener was larded over just about every music paper, magazine and bedroom wall in Britain. Songs that were on speaking terms with — but not quite engaging *in* — the despair of bigtime teenage angst greased the way for a couple of Top 20 hits and enough critical acclaim to keep a small container ship of ego afloat. Titles like "Dreams Burn Down" and "Nowhere" indicated a youthful, second-hand conception of true alienation. That Gardener or main songwriter Andy Bell had experienced much titanic disappointment or soul-eroding bleakness was unlikely.

Ride came from a comfortable Oxford background, and rose to prominence during the shoe-gazing scene, a loose conglomerate of middle-class white boys making pretty music and hanging out at each other's gigs and parties. At the time, music journalists regularly risked being debagged by gangs of rugby players for the floweriness of their prose when describing these bands. Ride have, in their time, been called "a perfect kiss in a perfume-stained house", "a liquid chimera" and "God's own after-dinner-party music". The shoe-gazing honeymoon lasted a year, then grunge, hard-rocking men's music, took over and pretty boys and pretty music were as welcome as a stiletto-heeled octopus in a waterbed.

Ride disappeared for a while, and came back at the beginning of 1992 with "Leave Them All Behind": eight minutes long, giddy with synthesizers and a woozy feeling of having done too much for the good of one's health. The music industry's collective jaw hit the floor when it got to No 11, and then was almost dislocated from yawning when *Going Blank Again*, the group's frankly rubbish second LP, appeared.



Ride's strong and weak points are the same — minimal tunes, just a blissful wash of guitar and slightly off-key harmonies. A good Ride song is like taking a bath in morphine after rolling around in nettles all day. A bad Ride song is like sitting in a bucket of lukewarm soup whilst being hit around the back of the head with a wooden spoon. But enough dull, bread-pudding rationality — Ride are loved by the Moran child, and I can't quite quantify it. Interviewing them does not help.

"The new song 'Birdman' is about Vikings running around and practising voodoo," Bell says. "They would take birds in the sky and animal behaviour as signs, or foretellers of the future. Certain birds would send them running into caves for six months until the curse lifted." Bell is breathlessly verbose and clearly obsessed with music. When asked who his favourite bands are, the list comprises 73 names.

"The song picks up on that. The lyrics also quote a book-let that a Russian political exile in Oxford gave me. He prints a new edition of his booklet every week. The preface says: 'I am a wise man, listen to my words.' He then goes on to say: 'I am a political prisoner and I am beaten up by the police every time I try and speak my mind. I am looking for young girls between the ages of 18 and 25 to join my political family' " — Bell rolls his eyes here — "and he sits on a park bench in Oxford near to Mark's house, waiting for people to come to him.

"He has one of my chairs, actually — I left it in the front garden and it disappeared. The next time I saw it, the Russian guy was sitting on it. I like to think that chair was in lieu of royalties."

They all live quite close to one another. How friendly are they?

"I was obsessed with Andy," Gardener says, starting to roll up a tiny, tiny cigarette with painstaking patience. "When we were 11, 12 he would walk around like he was the coolest person in the world. Like he knew all the good music and kept it in his head. He was my hero."

So was Bell obsessed at all? "Yeah, with John Lennon." Gardener momentarily looks like he's been hit in the face with a small limp fish.

Ride are on Creation, the hard-rockingest, most debauched record label in the world, keeper of the flame of hedonism. Travellers on the road to Never. So have they done anything perverted with chickens recently? "We don't really bother with all that stuff. We believe in not doing something unless we can do it the best," Bell says. "And we could never out-pay Primal Scream, so we've not really tried."

I still don't understand why I like Ride but things are going On until Bell says: "We leave the lyrics ambiguous so listeners can interpret them on their own level, read their own story into the words." It's the most horrid pck cliché ever, and for one minute I can love them no more. But later on at home, with the volume up and the curtains drawn, it all makes perfect sense again. Some of the best things are left unquantifiable.

● "Birdman" *is out now on Creation Records*

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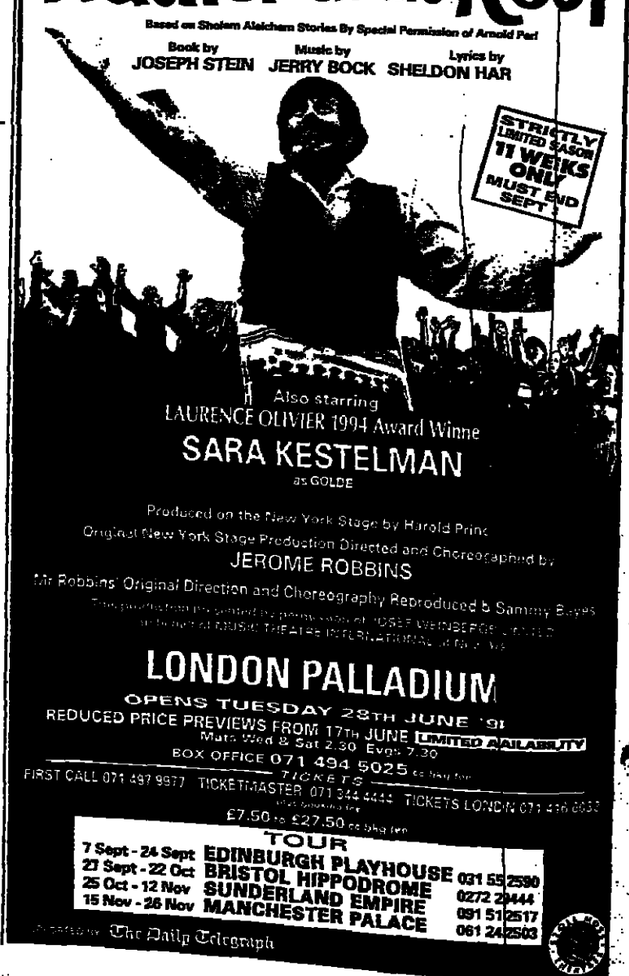
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Between hard rock and a place

Little Angels' melodic metal tops the charts here, but they mean zero to Americans. Alan Jackson finds out why


JUSTIN SLEE

Little Angels' Bruce John Dickinson (left) and Toby Jepson reflect on life as the unsung heroes of British heavy metal: "We tend to get written off as poodle-haired pouting rock gods"

It may bill itself as the jewel of the Yorkshire coast, but the seaside resort of Scarborough has offered up few gems to appease the gods of rock 'n' roll — prior to current local heroes Little Angels, that is. "Er, Robert Palmer was brought up in the town. In fact, his parents still live here," band members Toby Jepson and Bruce John Dickinson volunteer after much thought, their deliberations hampered by the Muzak flooding the lounge of the Royal Hotel. "There were the Skids, of course. And Jimmy Savile, although he doesn't really count. Oh, and that bloke who played guitar in the Spiders From Mars. And, erm, that's it."

A bracing walk along the foreshore suggests that the local live scene is similarly challenged. Posters advertise one-offs by Joe Longthorne, Foster & Allen, Gerry and the Pacemakers with Helen Shapiro and the Swinging Blue Jeans. Long gone are the glory days of the Penthouse Club, an unprepossessing but much-missed venue that in its time played host to everyone from the Beatles to the Sex Pistols.

Dickinson insists there is a youth scene, though, if you know where to look for it. And recently, at Scarborough's second annual Rock Week, it was to be found at the top of the stairs of the Stage Door, a bar-room venue so packed that even a sardine might feel the first stirrings of claustrophobia.

"This is the support band, Cockroach," Dickinson says, as we lever our way between bodies to the bar. "I've got a mate in the headliners, Concrete Evidence — they're really good." The audience certainly gives them its support, as no doubt it would the various other acts appearing subsequently — Big in the North East, Better than Life and Grandads Don't Indicate.

But as a line in the Little Angels' recent hit "10 Miles High" makes clear, "it's a long way from Scarborough Beach to Madison Square." Jepson, Dickinson and Co haven't made it that far yet, but are currently the most successful British exponents of an outmoded yet defiantly enduring form of music — that strain of big, bold and melodic rock best exemplified by such tight-trousered and extravagantly-tressed American acts as Van Halen and Bon Jovi. "It dawned on us only slowly and painfully that we weren't actually fashionable. We'd always assumed we were," Jepson says cheerfully. "Outside the heavy metal press we tend to get written off as poodle-haired pouting rock gods with sausages stuffed down our pants. We're never going to be on *The Word* or in *The Face*."

They should worry. In 1992, *Jam* went straight into the British charts at No 1 and has now sold more than 100,000 copies in this country. Meanwhile a new compilation, *Little Of The Past* boasts ten Top 40 hits among his 16 tracks and stands on the cusp of the Top Ten a week after its release. These are impressive credentials, given that bands like the Little Angels are effectively cold-shouldered by the mainstream media, and stand as testimony to the power of positive thinking.

"Right from the start, when we formed at sixth form college in an attempt to win Yamaha guitars in the TSB's rock competition, we thought we were great," Dickinson says. "Even when we came last in the regional finals, we thought it. In fact, we could hardly believe how incredibly brilliant we were."

Such self-belief persuaded Paul Todd, now musical director at the National Theatre but then working at Alan Ayckbourn's Theatre in the Round, to offer them a Sunday night residency. But it was pure brass neck that got them the necessary £1,000 to press their first indie single. "We just knocked on the door of a local businessman and said: 'Look mate, we know you've got a bit of money and we were wondering if you could lend us some . . .' He was amused rather than offended and was sporting enough to do so."

A copy of the 45 was then sent to the magazine *Metal Hammer*, which invited the group to support first Tesla and then Guns N' Roses in a series of concerts it was sponsoring at London's Marquee. Their act already refined (perhaps "refined" is not quite the word) by two years of slogging from one gig to another in a beat-up Transit, they made the right impression. A record deal with Polydor soon followed.

"That live experience was crucial for us," Dickinson says. "We'd got our act off pat, whereas a lot of young bands just stay in their bedrooms dreaming of great things to come. We wanted to get out and play whenever and wherever we could — even in the days when we were rehearsing in a scout hut and doing original songs because we were too unskilled to work out the chord sequences in cover material."

These days though, the likes of Bryan Adams, Eddie van Halen and Jon Bon Jovi specifically ask for Little Angels to support them on their European dates — the latter in particular being a committed enough fan to have taken one look at the van they had hired to get them from one continental date to the next and insisted that room be found for them on the Bon Jovi jet.

Such luxury is probably beyond the current expectations of Cockroach, Concrete Evidence and the other participants in Scarborough's Rock Week, but it never hurts to dream. Like many other British groups at the moment, Little Angels are intensely frustrated that domestic success has failed to carry over into the all-important American market. "American labels don't care about an act unless it's signed within their own territory," Jepson says. "Polydor couldn't get *Jam* released there, despite it being a No 1 album. Effectively, that excluded us from a market responsible for 60 per cent of world record sales." Their response was to free themselves from their contract, so that they can now seek a new deal across the Atlantic.

You have to admire such resolution, but then that's what the group is all about. Similar bands signed here at the same time as them — the Quireboys, Onslaught, Wolfsbane, Dare, FM, Jagged Edge and many more — have all long since been dropped or disbanded. Meanwhile the Little Angels go from strength to strength. Jon Bon Jovi said recently that they were just one song short of international greatness and they see no reason to disagree with him. "We want to be world-class contenders," Dickinson says fiercely.

● *Little Of The Past is on Polydor*

The Stone who won't stay dead

Three new books voice old doubts over Brian Jones's death

Not one, not two, but three books are about to be published which all claim to shed new light on the death of Brian Jones, *David Sinclair writes*. The golden-haired founder member of the Rolling Stones drowned on the night of July 2-3, 1969, in his swimming pool. The coroner's verdict was death by misadventure. But in *Paint It Black* by Geoffrey Giuliano (Virgin, £14.99), *Who Killed Christopher Robin?* by Terry Rawlings (Boxtree £15.99) and the new, expanded paperback edition of *Golden Stone* by Laura Jackson (Smith Gryphon, £4.99), the authors all conclude that Jones was murdered, most probably the victim of a bout of malicious, drunken horseplay that got out of hand.

Rumours to this effect have circulated for many years, first gaining credibility with the publication in 1990 of *Blown Away* by A. E. Hotchner (Simon and Schuster, £15.95). This latest round of "revelations" has been prompted by the death last November of Frank Thorogood, a builder employed by Jones at the time who can now be named without fear of legal reprisals as the ringleader of those who supposedly killed the musician. The sudden glut of publications may also be not entirely unconnected with the impending 25th anniversary of Jones's death.

Also published this month is the *Billboard Book of Number One Rhythm & Blues Hits* by Adam White and Fred Bronson (Windsor, £14.95). Not a book of lists, it provides a detailed examination of every song to top the American R&B chart, from "My Girl" by the Temptations in 1965 to "I Never Rains (In Southern California)" by Tony! Toni Toné! in 1990. Through hundreds of interviews with the musicians, producers and songwriters involved in the making of such classics as "Respect", "Rainy Night In Georgia" and "One Nation Under A Groove", it provides a fascinating insight into the sound of black America.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	The Division Bell	Pink Floyd (EMI)
2	Our Town — The Greatest Hits	Deacon Blue (Columbia)
3	Crash! Boom! Bang!	Roxette (EMI)
4	The Very Best Of	Marvin Gaye (Motown)
5	Happy Nation (US Version)	Ace of Base (Metronome)
6	Music Box	Mariah Carey (Columbia)
7	Brother Sister	The Brand New Heavies (ffrr)
8	D:ream On Vol 1	D:ream (Magnet)
9	Give Out But Don't Give Up	Primal Scream (Creation)
10	Everything Changes	Take That (RCA)

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NEW RELEASES: Veterans Cud and Pulp overcome the problems of making that difficult umpteenth album

New tricks from old dogs

CUD
Showbiz
(A&M 540 211)
PULP
His 'N' Hers
(Island 524 005)

THE longstanding complaint about British popular music is that it is too subject to fads and the whimsical diktats of the fashion-conscious music press. Unlike America and the Continent, where new talent is allowed to develop over a long period, British groups are thrust into the limelight at a stage when they are likely to wilt rather than flourish in the glare. The pundits who at first champion an act in the media lose interest after one or two albums and the Next Big Thing suddenly finds itself on the slippery slope to obscurity.

But while new waves of various descriptions have come and gone, a hardier breed has begun to take root. Bands like the Wonder Stuff and Primal Scream have built on their initial success in the 1980s, while James are finally making inroads into America, eight years after the release of their debut album.

But for proven durability and a truly independent cast of mind, Cud and Pulp take some beating. Both groups come from the unfashionable north and have survived lengthy and trying apprenticeships. Cud were convened in 1987 in Leeds; Pulp played their first gig in Sheffield as long ago as 1980. And each, with four or five albums already behind them, is poised at last on the brink of a major breakthrough. Perhaps unsurprisingly, they share certain stylistic traits, notably a tendency towards quirky, art-school humour and a kitsch, offbeat glamour.

Musically, Cud are the more direct of the two. "Somebody Snatched My Action", the opening track on *Showbiz*, is powered by a neo-Hendrix guitar riff, while the bustling funk rhythm and jazzy chord sequence of "Waving And Drowning" would not sound out of place on a Spin Doctors album. However, these modern American rock 'n' roll leanings are tempered by the rich, plummy vocal tones of Carl Puttnam, a singer from the Julian Cope-Jim Kerr-David Bowie school of rounded vowel sounds and meaningful enunciation.

Cud's lyrics, though, are odd, verging on the obscure. "The most notorious form of flattery is contempt/Lordy I declare my hair is so very unkempt" (from "I Reek Of Chic") might be funny, if it meant something.

On the face of it, Jarvis Cocker, singer and mainstay of Pulp, is an even more eccentric character. On stage he wears velvet suits, dances like a coiled spring and sings like a punk version of Scott Walker. But behind the fruity facade is a songwriter blessed with unusual wit and a keen narrative style.

The songs on *His 'N' Hers* are seedy domestic dramas, usually involving sex, and often set in the suburbs of England where tables are laid for tea and "net curtains blow slightly in the breeze/Lemonade light filtering through the trees." Musically they somehow straddle the impossibly big divide between modern rock gods such as Suede and 1970s disco divas like Gloria Gaynor whose dancefloor anthem "I Will Survive" is shamelessly raided for the chorus of "She's A Lady".

Both Cud and Pulp have risen quietly through the school of hard knocks, and it shows in the wiry vigour and spirit of independence common to both these albums.

THE BRAND NEW HEAVIES
Brother Sister
(ffrr 828 490)

WHEN the Brand New Heavies get stuck into their loose-limbed funk the effect is mesmerising. "Have A Good Time", the opening track on *Brother Sister*, is a case in point. Although not destined to win any awards for lyrical profundity — "Feel the funk y'all and have a good time" is the refrain — it is a funk/soul cocktail of pure delight.

The Heavies, who got together in London almost a decade ago, are that rarest of creatures, a fiercely disciplined unit that is a jamming band at heart. On the instrumental workout "Ten Ton Take" and the high-rolling "Fake", the rhythm section of Andrew Levy (bass) and Jan Kincaid (drums) cook up a sizzling stew which calls to mind such hallowed partnerships as Alan Gorrie and Robbie McIntosh of the Average White Band or even George Porter and Zigaboo Modeliste of New Orleans legends, the Meters.

Unfortunately, the disciplined head overrules the jamming heart too firmly on *Brother Sister*. The result is a surfeit of slick, uptown soul songs like "Dream On Dreamer" which comes complete with Barry White-style string arrangement.

Worst of all is a faithful reading of Maria Muldaur's middle-of-the-road standard "Midnight At The Oasis", which lowers the tone of the album and would have been better left to veteran smoothies such as Randy Crawford or the Crusaders.

HOLE
Live Through This
(City Slang EFA 04935)

POOR Courtney Love. With her husband, Kurt Cobain, dead, every nuance of her group's new album from the title onwards assumes a heightened and presumably unwelcome significance. "I'm Miss World, somebody kill me" ("Miss World") might have seemed like a suitably provocative lyric a month ago, but the harshness and immaturity of the sentiment sits rather awkwardly in the wake of her collision with reality.

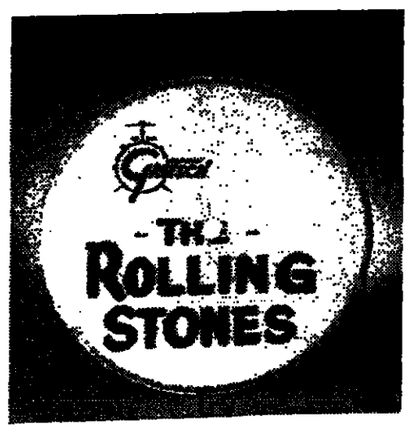
Even so, *Live Through This* is easily good enough to dispel any lingering suspicions that Love and her Hole may have hitched a ride to the fringes of the big time on Nirvana's grungey coat-tails.

She yells too much, producing a raucous, ill-tempered sound that does no favours to otherwise engaging punk-pop tunes like "Plump" and "Jennifer's Body". But when she reins in the histrionics, as during most of "I Think That I Would Die", there is an unexpectedly poignant quality to her songs.

This reaches its apogee with the revelatory introspection of "Doll Parts", a rumination on the dynamics of the celebrity status she has craved for so long. "I want to be the girl with the most cake/I fake it so real, I am beyond fake/And someday you will ache like I ache," she sings in a sad, weary voice that hits harder and truer than all the rest of the hellcat howling about burning witches and emotional lacerations put together.

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Holyfield in mood to contain Moorer

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN LAS VEGAS

EVANDER Holyfield has never felt better or enjoyed life more. On the eve of his defence of the International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Association titles against Michael Moorer at Caesars Palace, the champion is, uncharacteristically, totally relaxed, mentally and physically.

Holyfield, who regained his titles from Riddick Bowe on his comeback from retirement six months ago, said: "Life is better the second time around. It's almost like being reborn. The first time as champion, I was always out to please." Now he does as he pleases. He does not spar so much, talks more, smiles more, works more and gambles more — $200,000 (about £133,000) is little more than a flutter.

After Moorer, he will meet Lennox Lewis for the title. Then Bowe again and, finally, Mike Tyson in 1996. "I'm in this game until I fight Tyson," he said. "I want everything to come together with a bang in Atlanta in 1996." He does not say this with arrogance but in the belief that everything comes to a supreme professional. As a man who has earned more than any other boxer, $102 million — Sugar Ray Leonard is second with $80 million — and who has $50 million in the bank, a 100-acre estate in Georgia on which he is building a 40,000 sq ft mansion, he can be forgiven for feeling in control of his destiny.

Only Holyfield has no management team. He runs his own show. After leaving Lou Duva, after ten years and his first world title, he moved to Emmanuel Steward and sacked him, too. He has now engaged Don Turner, a little-known trainer, as his strategist "because he can communicate with me. Duva took me through elementary school, Steward through high school and now I'm going to college."

Luckily for Holyfield, the undefeated Moorer is temperamental. Holyfield's professionalism will severely test Moorer's commitment to the slogan on his T-shirt: "U have a right 2 remain violent". If Moorer fails to knock the champion out, as he has 30 of his 34 opponents, he may think again about the wisdom of being in the ring.

Six months with Teddy Atlas, his new trainer and disciplinarian, may not have been enough to imbue the challenger, who has always lacked direction in the ring and outside it, with enough commitment. Atlas is not sure about what Moorer will do. "All I am certain about is, when he hits Holyfield, he will not go away. Holyfield is a real pro," he said.

The one advantage Moorer has is his southpaw stance. Even if no southpaw has ever won the heavyweight title, Moorer could pose serious problems, for Holyfield is not the most inventive of boxers.

Of the opponents they have both met, Alex Stewart and Bert Cooper, Moorer despatched them more quickly and efficiently. One significant win of Moorer's was his third-round win over Levi Billups, who Lewis struggled to beat on points.

The advantage rests with Holyfield as he has already "been there". The champion should stop Moorer around seven or eight but it would not surprise me if the bout started with an explosive exchange and Holyfield came off worse.

Stop, look, listen . . . and think like a trout



THE FLYFISHER AS DETECTIVE

by Brian Clarke

One of the continuing realities of angling is that 90 per cent of the fish are taken by ten per cent of the fishermen. This may not surprise beginners, who accept that results at first are likely to be indifferent but continue because they find the sport beguiling and expect to improve.

And yet the vast majority of those who struggle are not beginners but anglers who have been at the sport for years. Old hands continue because they love the elegance and craft of the sport and hope — and go on hoping — that, at some point, a magic switch will be thrown and they will suddenly "get the hang of it" or their luck will change. Between times, they muse on the joys of beekeeping or flirt with the garden.

There are other truths beginners might grasp, the most brutal being that there is no magic switch. Another is that, while luck may affect the odd day's fishing, it will not consistently influence results. The essential truth in angling, as in all else, is that those who succeed do so because they have done what is necessary to bring success.

In angling, that means learning, in the traditional phrase, to "think like a fish". In fly fishing for trout, that means coming to understand the needs of the trout, being able to read the clues that the fish often gives to what it is doing, making sensible deductions on the basis of those clues, and translating what has been deduced into appropriate forms of action.

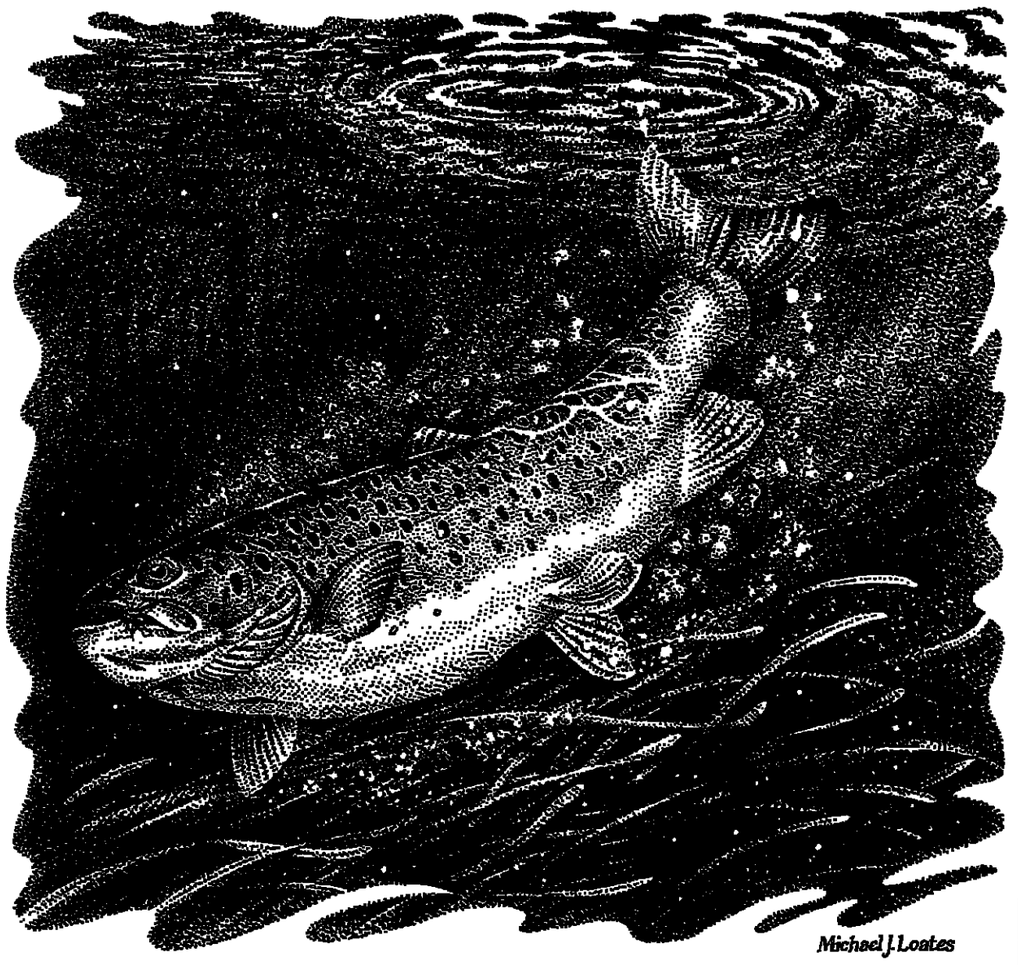
As stage follows stage, there comes an ability to translate the mind below the water. It is a stage that the ten per cent reach and the 90 per cent do not. *The Flyfisher as Detective* series is designed to give a short cut through the process, to save beginners frustration and to offer struggling older hands a new start. Three factors permeate the process. They are the foundations on which all successful fishing is built. They are the need for continuing observation, concentration and attention to detail.

It is observation at the waterside that turns the key in nature's lock and that enables the absorbing journey to begin. Everything around the observant angler offers clues. The time of year, the time of day, the type and location of the water, the contours of a bank or the topography of the surrounding land, as well as the flies on the water and the birds in the air, can all offer hints or clear directions.

It is observation that teases and seduces the mind below the surface; that lodges it alongside the fish and its needs; that helps the flyfisher to "think like a trout".

Concentration and attention to detail are harder to sustain because they do not feast the eyes and delight the imagination in the same way. But the moment concentration wavers will be the moment that the fish takes or the feeding pattern changes. Without attention to detail — whether it be the route for the physical approach to the water, the length of the leader, the precise positioning of the cast or the amount of weight in the nymph — all else becomes academic.

For those who put in the effort, an additional benefit will ensue. They will find an absorption and delight in the ways of nature that will make every visit to the countryside, every walk to the water, a journey of high adventure.



Michael J. Loates

Arming yourself to land the big one

THERE are many kinds of specialist fly fishing outfits and vast sums can be paid for them. For those who want a reasonably priced outfit that will meet most needs, however, a 9ft AFTM-7 rod, matched with an AFTM-7 double-tapered floating fly line and a simple reel with rim control, will do the job. Such an outfit can be had for less than £100, and £200 would buy the outfit I use most often (Brian Clarke writes).

A long-handled landing net is an advantage. So is a fishing waistcoat with enough pockets to carry spools of nylon, boxes of flies, a "priest" for despatching any fish you might want to eat, and a small camera for proving you caught it if you want to put the fish back.

One other essential in England and Wales, though not in Scotland, is a National Rivers Authority (NRA) licence, available from Post Offices for £15. This NRA licence is not a licence to go fishing but a licence to use a rod on fresh water. Places to fish must be found and paid for separately. The monthly game fishing magazines carry many advertisements for trout fishing and tuition if required and fishing tackle shops know most of what is available in their locality.

From May 31 to June 6, the Association of Stillwater Game Fishery Managers and the Association of Scottish Stillwater Fisheries, the bodies that run many of the best trout lakes in Britain, are to organise their own Beginners' Week. For £10 during that week, anyone interested in fly fishing can hire an outfit, obtain up to one hour's casting instruction and have the chance to fish in well-stocked water. For details, call 0676 22754 or 041-776 2920.

How to find fish on rivers

FORMER RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Houston 7 Chicago 5, San Francisco 5 Philadelphia 4; Colorado 16 Florida 6, Cincinnati 5 Pittsburgh 4; St Louis 6 Atlanta 3, Los Angeles 5 New York 5 (in 11); Montreal 4 San Diego 2.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City 11 Detroit 6; Boston 2 Oakland 0, Chicago 8 Milwaukee 6 (in 12); New York 7 Seattle 4; California 8 Baltimore 2; Toronto 4 Texas 3 (in 11). Minnesota 6 Cleveland 5

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 117 Washington 111, Orlando 121 Minnesota 101, Indiana 109 Cleveland 98; Milwaukee 103 Detroit 78, LA Clippers 85 Denver 100; LA Lakers 90 Seattle 112.

CYCLING

GENEVA: 10km: G Obree (Scot) 11min 35.83sec (world track best)
SPA FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium: Fleche Wallonne Classic (205km): 1. M Argentin (It) 4h 56.00, 2. G Furian (It) same time, 3. Y Berzin (Russ) at 22sec.

CRICKET

UXBRIDGE: England Under-19 318 (M E Trescothick 63, C J Schofield 73) and 126-8 (C J Schofield 57). Middlesex second XI 236 (A Habib 68, R Sims 56, D Law 4-83).

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 3 Watford 1
SPANISH CUP: Final: Real Zaragoza 0 Celta 0 (aet Real Zaragoza won 5-4 on pens)
Late results on Wednesday
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying match: Group six: Northern Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 1
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Austria 1 Scotland 2; Holland 0 Ireland 1, Wales 0 Sweden 2; Denmark 3 Hungary 1 (in Copenhagen), Lithuania 1 Israel 1 (in Vilnius); Norway 0 Portugal 0 (in Oslo), Romania 3 Bolivia 0 (in Bucharest); Slovakia 4 Croatia 1 (in Bratislava), Switzerland 3 Czech Republic 0 (in Zurich), Turkey 0 Russia 1 (in Bursa); Saudi Arabia 2 Iceland 0 (in Toulon, France).
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Postponed: Oldham Athletic v Tottenham Hotspur.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Derby 1 Notts County 1; Millwall 1 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Runcorn 0 Kiddermaster 5.
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Final: Italy 1 Portugal 0 (after sudden-death extra time, in Montpellier). Third place play-off: France 1 Spain 2 (in Nimes).
ITALIAN CUP: Final: Second leg: Sampdoria 6 Ancona 1 (Sampdoria win 8-1 on agg).
FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final: Second leg: Arsenal 1 Bradford City 0 (Arsenal win 2-0 on agg).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 1 Nottingham Forest 2; Leeds 0 Everton 1; Leicester 0 Aston Villa 2; Sunderland 1 Blackburn 2. Second division: Barnsley 1 Mansfield 0; Grimsby 0 Manchester City 1; Huddersfield 1 Tranmere 2; Middlesbrough 2 Burnley 0; Scunthorpe 1 Oldham 4; West Bromwich 3 Rotherham 0; Stoke 2 Preston 1.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Sutton United 2 Marlow 2.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton 1 Millwall 1; Charlton 2 Bristol City 2; Ipswich 2 Chelsea 0; Oxford 1 Wimbledon 4; Southampton 1 Portsmouth 2; Swindon 0 QPR 0. Second division: Cheltenham 0 Cardiff 2; Yeovil 2 Swansea 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone 2 Crawley 0; Solihull 0 Farnborough 0. Midland division: Newport AFC 3 Redditch 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Altrincham 4 Curzon Ashton 3.
KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Ebbw Vale 2 Llanelli 2; Ton Pentre 2 Aberystwyth 1.

GYMNASTICS

BRISBANE, Australia: World championship: Men's all-round title: 1, I Ivankov (Belo) 57.012; 2, A Voropaev (Russ) 56.824; 3, V Schertov (Belo) 56.350; 4, V Belenki (Ger) 56.312; 5, E Chabaev (Russ) 56.275; 6, I Korobchinski (Ukr) 55.812; 7, L Joo-Hyung (S Kor) 55.800; 8, Y Chechi (It) 55.762; 9, Z Supola (Hun) 55.662, 10, Li Xiaoshuang (China) 55.650.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Play-offs: First round: Eastern Conference: Detroit 4 San Jose 0 (best-of-seven series level at 1-1); Toronto 1 Chicago 0 (Toronto lead best-of-seven series 2-0); Dallas 4 St Louis 2 (Dallas lead best-of-seven series 2-0); Calgary 7 Vancouver 5 (best-of-seven level at 1-1)

RIFLE SHOOTING

KINGSTON, Jamaica: Teams of eight: 1, London and Middlesex 1,086 74; 2, Jamaica 1,052.61. LMRA individual scores: M Cosway 138.10; C Mallett 139.12; T Bedwell 133.10; C Paul 130.19; D Smith 136.10; R Wanney 135.9; P Ryan 139.8; G Walker 137.11.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Leeds 58 Widnes 16; Wigan 21 Castleford 12.

RUGBY UNION

ALLOA BREWERY CUP: Quarter-final: Watsonians 13 Stewarts Melville FP 25.
BRITISH POLICE CUP: Final: South Wales Police 31 Royal Ulster Constabulary 18.

SPEEDWAY

STAR KNOCKOUT CUP: First round, first leg: Poole Pirates 56, King's Lynn 40.
INTER LEAGUE CHALLENGE: Long Eaton 33 Cradley Heath 63.

SQUASH

NEW YORK: Men's Tournament of Champions: Semi-finals: B Martin (Aus) bt P Marshall (Eng) 17-16, 15-13, 15-8, R Eyles (Aus) bt C Walker (Eng) 15-6, 15-11, 15-8.

TENNIS

MONTE CARLO: Open tournament: Third round: S Edberg (Swe) bt A Corretja (Sp) 6-1, 7-5; T Muster (Austria) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 6-2, 6-4; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt S Dosedel (Cz) 6-4, 6-3; J Couner (US) bt A Geudenzi (It) 6-3, 6-4; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt J Yzaga (Peru) 8-1, 8-3; D Rikl (Cz) bt H Skoff (Austria) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; Y Kafelnikov (Russ) bt M Stich (Ger) 7-6, 6-4; S Bruguera (Sp) bt A Berasategui (Sp) 6-7, 6-0, 6-0.
BAD WALTERSDORF, Austria: Womens' Federation Cup: Regional qualifying group six: Great Britain bt Russia 2-0 (J Durie bt E Makarova 4-6, 7-5, 7-6; C Wood bt E Manilokova, 2-6, 6-3, 6-7). Great Britain win group.
BARCELONA: Women's tournament: First round: C Martinez (Sp) bt W Probst (Ger) 7-5, 6-3; S Hack (Ger) bt K Cuentrez (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; N Tauziat (Fr) bt M Montolio (Sp) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2; I Majoli (Cro) bt K Kroupova (Cz) 6-2, 6-2; M Sánchez (Sp) bt L Golarsa (It) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2; S Cecchini (It) bt N Ercegovic (Cro) 6-4, 6-2; A Fusai (Fr) bt N Avila (Sp) 6-2, 6-2; P Tarabini (Arg) bt F Bonsignori (It) 6-4, 6-2; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bt K Oelzelaus (Ger) 6-2, 6-1; M Paz (Arg) bt S Frankl (Ger) 6-3, 6-3; J Halard (Fr) bt M Grossi (It) 6-1, 6-3; A Grossman (US) bt K Maleeva (Bul) 6-3, 7-5; M Paliewskick (Cro) bt H Kelesi (Can) 6-3, 6-4; N Van Lottum (Fr) bt M J Galdano (Arg) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; M Maleeva (Bul) bt L Fernando (It) 7-5, 7-6.
NOTTINGHAM: LTA Satellite Tournament: Men: Second round: D Sapsford (GB) bt P Langvardt (Den) 6-1, 6-4; G Van Der Veeren (Bel) bt R Koenig (SA) 6-3, 7-5, J Delgado (GB) bt S Manel (Switz) 7-5, 7-6; C Bessher (GB) bt B Cowan (GB) 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; S Hardcastle (US) bt C Wilkinson (GB) 6-4, 1-6, 6-3; M Maclagan (GB) bt N Bruno (It) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; N Gould (GB) bt J Fox (GB) 6-0, 6-7, 6-3; A Richardson (GB) bt T Lanham (Aus) 6-4, 6-3. Women: Second round: I Kuna (US) bt A Tordoss (GB) 7-5, 6-2; S Peters (Aus) bt E Nonje (Nam) 6-2, 6-2; M Schnitzer (Ger) bt J Salamus (Fin) 6-2, 6-2; E Roubanova (GB) bt M Guglielmi (It) 6-2, 6-4; E Krayzova (Cz) bt E Jelis (GB) 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; T Karsten (Ger) bt N Jarlan (Fr) 7-5, 4-6, 7-5; E Gagliardi (Mon) bt F Hearn (GB) 6-1, 6-3; C Taylor (GB) bt V Batut (Fr) 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.
NAGOYA, Japan: Men's ATP Challenger tournament: Second round: G Motomura (Japan) bt T Hanman (GB) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
SEOUL: Korean Open: Quarter-finals: J Renzenbrink (Ger) bt M Zoecke (Ger) 6-7, 7-6, 7-6; J Tarango (US) bt B Steven (NZ) 6-3, 6-4.

GOLF

WOBURN: Ford Women's Classic (GB and Ire unless stated): 68: S Mendiburu (Fr), K Davies, M Hegeman (Holl). 70: J Bartholomew (US). 72: M Lunn (Aus), C Hall, A Nicholas, F Dassu (It), C Stolz (Aus). 73: T Craik, J Morley, C Nilsmark (Swe), S Van Wyk (SA), A Sorenstam (Swe), P Wright, D Reid, S Prosser, S Waugh (Aus), G Stewart. 74: T Johnson, L Davies, S Moon (US), S Strudwick, W Dicks. 75: E Orley (Swez), C Soules (Fr), K Marshall, S Hodge, R Hast, A Brighouse, L Fairclough, C Dibnah (Aus), A Arruti (Sp), C Panton-Lewis, K Douglas, E Kruth (Sp). 76: L Navarro (Sp), E Rundle, K Lunn (Aus), K Espinasse (Fr), R Lautens (Switz), T Loveys, H Hopkins (Aus), M Benkkvold (Swe), L Tadiotto (Ital), J Germs (SA), L Martz-Atkins (SA), J Forbes, J Hill (Can). 77: M Burstrom (Swe), H Wadsworth, J Allmark (Swe), A Shapcott, T Yarwood, V Michaud (Fr), K Orum (Den), D Dowling, D Hanna 78 E-J Smith, H Koch (Swe), X Wunsch-Rutz (Sp), J Soulsby, P Rizzo (US), C Hjalmarsson (Swe), R Comstock (US). 79: J Smith, N Moult, P Smilie, B New, M de Boer (Holl), J Mines (US), N Wey, K Parker (US), J Karlach, P Rigby (Swe), S Bennnet, C Duffy, P Grice-Whittaker, A Gottmo (Swe), S Gerrard.
PALS, Spain: Catalonian Open: Leading first-round scores: 67: L Guapy (Fr); G Levenson (SA), T Levet (Fr) 68: W Riley (Aus). 69: J Payne (GB); O Nordberg (Swe); H Clark (GB); G J Brand (GB). 70: O Karlsson (Swe); R Chapman (GB); J Lomas (GB); S Torrance (GB); A Hunter (GB); A Bossen (Switz); P Fowler (Aus); A Sorensen (Den); C Cassells (GB); G Brand, Jr (GB); C O'Connor Jr (US); M A Jimenez (Sp), M Mouland (GB); J Cocares (Arg); 71: F Nobilo (NZ); S Bowman (US).
TOKYO: Dunlop Open: Leading first-round scores (Japanese unless stated): 67: M Ozaki 68: M Kimura, M Tschetter (US). 69: T Nakajima; T Watanabe; P Senior (Aus); F Minoza (Phil); D Ishii (US); D Boulet (HK); B Jobe (US). Other leading foreign scores: 70: R Gibson (Can); C Espinosa (Mex); K Jong-duk (S Kor); P Jones (Can). 71: P McWhinney (Aus); T Hamilton (US); Y Chang-ting (Taiwan); C Sang-ho (S Kor); C Franco (Para). 72: H Chin-sheng (Taiwan); L Chie-hsiang (Taiwan); G Webb (US), B Hughes (Aus); J Smith (US); R Todd (Can); C Lamain (Ven); R Ponce (Ecq); S Flesch (US). British: 74: J Gould.

YACHTING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE (leading positions at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Fort Lauderdale). Whitbread 60 class: 1, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 704 miles; 2, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 842; 3, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 892; 4, Brookfield (G Maisto, It) 909; 5, Winston (E Butterworth, US) 952; 6, Heineken (D Riley, US) 1,187; 7, Hetman Sahadachny (E Platon, Ukr) 1,317; 8, Odessa (A Vertia, Ukr) 1,857; 9, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 2,418; 10, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 2,787. Maxi class: 1, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 810; 2, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 843; 3, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 1,025; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vantare, Uru) 1,502. *Results supplied by BT.

FIXTURES

CRICKET
Tetley Bitter Shield
11.30 to 6.30, second day of four
LORD'S: Middlesex v England A
University matches
11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0, final day of three
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Kent
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Glamorgan
OTHER MATCH (final day of four): Uxbridge: Middlesex II v England Under-19 XI.
FOOTBALL
DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Walton and Hersham v Purfleet.
OTHER SPORT
BOWLS: Women's world indoor championships (Cumbernauld).
GOLF: Ford women's classic (Woburn).
SNOOKER: Embassy world championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield)

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April 25	LIFFE GS	The Warren	40
April 26	E D & F Man Cocoa Ltd	Walton Heath	32
April 26	DHL International (UK) Ltd	Wentworth	24
April 27	Citibank International plc	Sunningdale	48
April 27	Mallersh & Harding	St George's Hill	20
April 27	St Honorine Golf & Leisure Ltd	Benton Hall	80
April 28	Devonport Management Ltd	China Fleet	50
April 28	E W Payne Ltd	Romford	24
April 28	British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate Ltd	Richmond	40
April 28	United Distillers	Walton Heath	60
April 28	Lambson Group	Panival	40
April 29	Barclays Life Assurance Co Ltd	Blackburn	40
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SPORTS LETTERS

Sporting wisdom revised

From Mr Tom Rodwell

Sir, Yet again the sporting journalists have been proved wrong, with England's sensational victory over West Indies in the fourth Test match.

As the newspaper acreage devoted to sport expands exponentially, so does the amount of speculation on sports issues from the sporting journalists, while the actual amount of reporting of sporting events remains disappointingly low.

If they are not engaged in witch-hunts for the heads of "failures", they are prompting campaigns for the recruitment of individuals to team or management positions.

Two particular examples spring to mind: the orchestrated choruses for Neil Back's inclusion in the England rugby team and for Jack Russell as the specialist wicketkeeper in the touring England cricket team.

In both cases, the campaigns were successful and, in both cases, the performance of the individuals concerned, when selected, has been extremely disappointing.

Back played two anonymous games for England, before a bigger and more successful back-row formation was re-adopted, and Russell has yet to manage a stumping in Tests in the West Indies, despite several opportunities in an overall scruffy performance behind the stumps.

In the light of this and other evidence of the sporting journalists' lack of sporting perception, they should stick to reporting and leave the pontification to us experts in the pubs and armchairs.

Yours faithfully,
TOM RODWELL,
Hazel Cottage, 110 Flaunden,
Hemel Hempstead,
Hertfordshire.

From Mr A. D. R. Holland

Sir, Among the perceived wisdoms of cricket are that the one-day game has been detrimental to spin bowling and that a specialist wicketkeeper is essential for Test matches. I suggest another: that the one-day game has turned a wicketkeeper into an extremely athletic fielder, equipped with gloves, to stand back and cover the area from first slip to short fine leg. Given good spin bowling on a turning pitch, he cannot cope and crucial stumpings go begging.

Furthermore, with England's present array of medium-fast bowlers, it is hard to imagine a wicketkeeper such as Godfrey Evans standing back while Richie Richardson, the West Indies captain, is playing them. He takes a stance almost a foot in front of the crease to assist in overcoming the vagaries of the pitch, when playing forward seems to be the secret of survival.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY HOLLAND,
Windlesham Manor,
Windlesham,
Surrey.

English players should benefit

From Mr R. P. Segal

Sir, Clearly English cricket is suffering from a dearth of quality cricketers or overseas teams are benefiting from a plethora, or both.

One cause of the overseas abundance is the opportunities the English counties afford to foreign mercenaries to sharpen their skills during the English season.

I do not decry this arrangement, which also benefits the cricket-watching public. However, I see no reason why this benefit should not be reciprocated.

Whenever an English county enters a contract with an overseas player, that county should obtain "visitation rights" for one of its home players to play in the off-season with the overseas player's side.

Clearly, there will need to be some adjustments concerning the quality of the "English" players concerned and some financial negotiations, but this reciprocity would give our players experience of overseas players and conditions away from the glare of a Test series.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND P. SEGAL,
29e Fitzjohns Avenue, NW3.

Low at Highbury

From Mr Philip Ellis

Sir, Rob Hughes (Weekend View, April 16) is wrong to say that Arsenal charge "£20 and more" to sit in their new seats. Prices in the new North Bank stand range from £11 to £18. In the Clock End stand, prices are £10. The only seats costing more than £20 at Highbury are in the upper tier centre blocks of the East and West stands, which have been there for many years.

This hardly smacks of social engineering with a profit motive, particularly when you consider that Arsenal cut the ticket prices for the Cup Winners' Cup semi-final match against Paris Saint-Germain at Highbury. My seat in the East stand was reduced by £2 to £13.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP ELLIS,
9 Hexham Gardens,
Isleworth, Middlesex.

Caught out

From Mr Toby Cummins

Sir, My father (Sports Letters, April 14) claims that he did not play cricket. He is wrong, but very close. He played in a recent headmaster's XI match against my prep school first XI. Walking out to bat with little more than a clue, he was caught at mid-on first ball. He then had his bowling hit for arpeggios of boundaries.

Yours faithfully,
TOBY CUMMINS,
Kingswood School,
Bath,
Avon.

Top doubles

From Sir Robert Scott

Sir, I much enjoyed Simon Barnes's article on double achievers in sport (April 14). However, I think he missed the best living example I know — Dr Kevin O'Flanagan, the International Olympic Committee member in Ireland, who was a famous Arsenal centre forward in the 1940s and played football and rugby internationally for Ireland.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT SCOTT, (Chairman, Manchester 2000),
81st on Fountain Street,
Manchester 2.

From Mr Stephen Toomey

Sir, The achievements of Brian Booth, of Australia, made the "doubles" of those mentioned by Simon Barnes pale by way of comparison.

Booth played 29 Test matches for Australia in cricket between 1961 and 1966 (1,773 runs at 42, five centuries and 17 catches). He was captain on two occasions. He also represented Australia in hockey at the Olympic Games in 1956.

Booth's character adds significant lustre to his career. Sir Donald Bradman, in his foreword to Booth's autobiography, wrote: "Greatness on the sporting field is wholly compatible with the highest standards of conduct, and I can think of no finer example of a combination of these characteristics than Brian Booth."

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN TOOMEY,
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Connells Point,
Sydney, Australia.

From Mr Pat Snow

Sir, Simen Agdestein, the Norwegian international footballer, is also an international grandmaster at chess.

Yours faithfully,
PAT SNOW,
217 Hampson Way, SW8.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

HORST

(b) A block of the earth's surface that has been raised relative to the surrounding land and is bounded by faults on some or all sides, from the German *horst* heap, mass, cluster, sandbank, introduced in its geological sense by E. Suess in 1883: "Between the horsts of the Vosges and the Black Forest the Rhine flows through a rift valley."

GRABEN

(c) A depression in the earth's surface bounded by faults, a rift valley, from the German *graben* a ditch, introduced in its geological sense by E. Suess in 1883: "The broad valley, or graben, of the middle Rhine is inclosed by maturely dissected scarps."

OPHIOLITE

(a) A name for serpentine (obsolete) or a mixture of serpentine with other minerals, from the Greek *ophis* a snake. Dana, *Elementary Geology*, 1862: "Ophiolite (or verd-antique marble). A variegated mixture of serpentine and either carbonate of lime (*calcareous ophiolite*), dolomite (*dolomitic ophiolite*), or carbonate of magnesia or magnesite (*magnesitic ophiolite*)."

PATENER

(b) In the medieval Church, an acolyte who held up the empty paten during a part of High Mass, from the Latin *patenārius*, *patena* a wide flat basin, Greek *patanē* a kind of flat dish: "This offertory-cloth was not as now cast about the shoulders of the patener but folded round the paten itself."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 . . . Qe1! threatens . . . Rh1 mate, and if 2 g3 Rf2 mate.

World No 1 takes the long way home for par finish in Ford Classic

Another Davies takes centre stage

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

AS PER expectations, the name Davies was much to the fore in the first round of the Ford Classic at Woburn yesterday. Unexpectedly, however, it was not Laura leading the way. It was Karen, a native of Wales turned Floridian, who was out in front alongside Sandrine Mendiburu, of France, and Mette Hageman, of Holland, after a round of 69, five under par.

Davies, L, had a respectable level par 74, but she is always irked by the confines of the Duchess course. From the tees, hemmed in by trees, the effect can be claustrophobic, with ribbons of grass that look like something out of that greenkeeping film classic, "Honey, I shrunk the fairways".

The world No 1 conjured up three birdies, but it was one of her pars that provided the greatest entertainment for the sizeable gallery that braved the wind and occasional rain.

At the 15th, a par five of 445 yards, Davies blasted her driver — she used it only four or five times and plans to reduce that to twice — into the trees on the right, where her ball came to rest behind a fallen branch. As she assessed her options, placing a club behind the ball, the crowd fell silent. "I'm not hitting yet. You can all talk," Davies said.

The subsequent chatter had a baffled tone, for the obvious route out was sideways. However, Davies's thinking is more multilateral than lateral, and she hit a superb five-iron that passed through several gaps invisible to others before the ball hit the very last branch and ricocheted further right, deeper into the wilderness. "Where's she going now?" someone asked as the crowd tramped forward.

This time, it was obvious there was no escape. The ball was near the base of a tree and there was a lot of tangled undergrowth, plus the inevitable trees, between Davies and the green. She elected to hit a low pitch and run shot, with a touch of draw, with a six-iron, missing all the branches, skirting the greenside bunker and skipping up the slope to within 15 feet of the pin. The comments ranged from "absolutely brilliant" to "unbelievable", and the only blemish was that the birdie putt pulled up two feet short.

Meanwhile, Davies, K, who had been proceeding rather more conservatively and rather more successfully, was playing the 18th, where she dropped only the second shot of a day that had begun with an eagle three at the first.

Davies, born in Wrexham but now based in Florida, where she went to college, found herself five under par after eight holes and moved to six under with a birdie three at the 12th. It was nearly as much of a surprise to her as to everyone else, for last year she ended the season by losing her card on the US tour and was at the lowest possible ebb, mentally and physically.

A member of two winning Curtis Cup sides — in 1986 and 1988 — and winner of nine college events, Davies, now 28, has struggled as a professional, achieving little in Europe or America. Last year was so bad — she had trouble with her back and tore ligaments in her left hand, enough to depress the most resilient — she was forced to reasssess her approach. "I have a better perspective now," she said. "It's not live and die on every shot."

Mendiburu, a 21-year-old from Biarritz with a demeanour that is quintessentially French, also had such a dire 1993 that she spent the winter practising — "all the time". She pulled her own trolley because she and her caddy — an Englishman — had a tiff last year and he had not called to resume the *entente cordiale*. Alone, she started with an eagle three and added six birdies, and the only time she really lacked for advice was at the last, where she made two clubbing errors and took a double-bogey six.

Mendiburu, however, was philosophical. "When you play well, you don't need anybody."

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Karen Davies, the joint leader, monitors her progress at Woburn. She finished with a 69, five under par. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Kelly challenges in style

BY PETER BALL

AFTER Ireland's nervous qualification for the World Cup finals with a 1-1 draw in Belfast in November, Jack Charlton, the manager, said he hoped to find three or four new players for his squad in time for the finals.

At the time, it was said more in hope than expectation. On Wednesday night in Tilburg, his hopes were fully realised. Gary Kelly and Phil Babb not only booked their places on the plane to Orlando, the Republic's World Cup base, but, in only their second internationals, they have made pressing claims for places in the team itself.

Kelly, in particular, has adapted to international football almost immaculately: "He's got a lot to learn, but he'd played against one of the best left-sided players in world football yesterday and he handled it," Jack Charlton said after Kelly had eclipsed the Dutch left winger, Brian Roy.

Yet, if the emergence of Kelly and Babb has given Charlton some new faces, equally important for him were the performances of players previously considered either on the fringe of the squad — Tommy Coyne and John Sheridan — or past their sell-by date — Kevin Moran and Ronnie Whelan. All four performed well.

Coyne, after the tragedy of his wife's death last summer interrupted his career, came back to score the only goal in a vibrant performance on his own up front. "Tommy ran and ran until I thought he could run no more and then he did run some more," Charlton said.

In the absence of Roy Keane, Sheridan came in as part of a new-look five-man midfield to give one of his best performances in a green shirt. His absence with injury through a large part of this season has been a severe blow to Sheffield Wednesday's hopes of success. Nevertheless, it may turn out to be a great advantage for Ireland, giving them a player still fresh when the World Cup finals arrive.

However, if anybody made sure of a place on the plane on Wednesday, it was Kevin Moran, who did not put a foot wrong. At nearly 38, the Blackburn Rovers defender still has all his enthusiasm for the fray and is now intent on a place in the team that plays in the finals instead of merely inclusion in the squad. Such ambition is running through Charlton's party and it will make them a force to be reckoned with when they arrive in the United States.

Irish make low-key start

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE first game of the qualifying competition for the 1996 European championships may also prove to be one of the least significant. Northern Ireland and Liechtenstein chalked up a few landmarks in Belfast on Wednesday night but, once it became obvious that the home side had avoided the ignomy of defeat, it became little more than a preliminary of tedious necessity.

Both sides drew encouragement from the match, Northern Ireland in the garnering of the first three-point win in the history of the competition and the performance of Manchester City players past and present — Michael Hughes and Stephen Lomas — and Liechtenstein in the ending of their first competitive international with a consolation goal from Daniel Hasler.

The real business of the group will not begin until September when Portugal visit Windsor Park. The match on Wednesday was little more than a glorified friendly, Jimmy Quinn's two goals moving him to within three of Colin Clarke's Northern Ireland record of 13. He missed several chances, too, and it seems likely that group six heavyweights like Jack Charlton's Ireland and Austria will make Leichtenstein pay more dearly for their naivety.

After the most traumatic five months in their history, it might be supposed that Wales, the only one of the home countries to lose on Wednesday, were the team that could least afford a defeat. Yet it is doubtful that even Charlton's Ireland were in a more positive frame of mind yesterday. The result, in Wales's case, was far less important than the restoration of pride of performance and that was achieved well before two goals in the last seven minutes condemned them to a 2-0 defeat against Sweden at the Racecourse Ground in Wrexham. For most of the night, Wales, so much more suited by a return to a basic 4-4-2 formation, were more than a match for their opponents.

The problem facing Mike Smith, the Wales manager, is now one of maintaining momentum. It is unlikely he will get his players back before September, when the European championship campaign starts with a home match against Albania. Negotiations are continuing with Luxembourg and Hungary for matches on May 17 and 22.

Scotland, meanwhile, promised better things to come with an impressive 2-1 defeat of Austria in Vienna, inspired by Gary McAllister, the captain.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Knight new captain of Davis Cup team

BILL Knight was yesterday appointed the new captain of Britain's Davis Cup team. He will succeed Tony Pickard, who resigned last month after the defeat in Portugal left the nation at its lowest ebb in the history of competitive tennis (Stuart Jones writes).

Knight, 58, a close ally of Pickard, resigned as manager of men's national training on the same day but has been reinstated. He will also take charge of the team for the Euro-African zone group one relegation play-off against Romania in Manchester in July.

"He was very upset by all the publicity after the loss in Portugal," Ian Peacock, the chief executive of the Lawn Tennis Association, said. "But he has decided to carry on because he feels a tremendous loyalty to the players. After the unpleasant consequences of the defeat and the subsequent conflict, we need to get back some stability. I don't think we could have made a better appointment."

Signs point to Wigan

RUGBY LEAGUE: Twelve months after the first photo-finish in 89 years to decide the league championship, history is set to repeat itself (Christopher Irvine writes). Wigan squeezed out St Helens, on points difference, in the final match last season and will do so again if they win their last fixture at Oldham on Sunday. However, the match will only be critical should one of or both Warrington and Bradford Northern win their last games.

Warrington's turn comes against Sheffield Eagles tonight, Bradford's at Leeds tomorrow. But Wigan's vastly better points-scoring difference — 333 compared with Bradford's 187 and Warrington's 180 — would see them home comfortably with all three teams having 44 points from 29 matches.

Pledge by Comaneci

GYMNASTICS: Nadia Comaneci, the former Olympic champion who captivated the world by scoring the first perfect ten in international competition, promised yesterday to return to her native Romania to help find the gymnasts of the future. The 1976 Olympic champion announced a £66,000 sponsorship for Romanian gymnastics through her management company. Comaneci, now 32 and who lives in the United States, defected from her homeland in 1989, three weeks before the fall of the former Communist regime, and has not returned since.

Royal Windsor record

EQUESTRIANISM: The 52nd Royal Windsor Horse Show, to be staged from from May 11 to 15, has attracted a record 3,100 entries. The 168 classes, ranging from donkeys and hunters to international show jumping and carriage jumping, offer total prize-money of £100,000, which is a 33 per cent increase from last year. The highlights of the five-day show are the £10,000 Toyota British Horsemaster on Saturday afternoon — won last year by Michael Whitaker on Everest Lifestyle — and the four-day Harrods driving grand prix, in which 12 nations are competing.

Intrum makes ground

YACHTING: Lawrie Smith's European yacht, *Intrum Justitia*, yesterday slashed 50 miles off the Whitbread Round the World Race lead of Ross Field's New Zealand entry, *Yamaha*. *Yamaha* is now within 700 miles of the Fort Lauderdale finish but sailing almost five knots slower than *Intrum*, which is running in fresher winds. "We know they are doing badly because Field has maintained radio silence for the past 24 hours," Smith said. "Normally, we can never keep him off the radio." Smith hopes to cut *Intrum*'s 130-mile deficit back to around 30 by Fort Lauderdale.

Aintree's second place

SPORT ON TELEVISION: The BBC had 16.7 million viewers for the Grand National at Aintree on April 9, 200,000 more than watched the fiasco of 1993. The figures, confirmed by the British Audience Research Board, are the second highest for sport this year, beaten only by the 24.0 million which saw Torvill and Dean's free dance routine at the Winter Olympic Games. The Grand National has provided the highest annual audience since 1990, when the England v West Germany World Cup semi-final had 25.2 million, the largest number of British viewers to watch a sports event.

Barclay honoured

WRITING AWARDS: Patrick Barclay, of *The Observer*, was yesterday named as Sports Journalist of The Year in the annual awards of the Sports Writers' Association and the Sports Council. Sports reporter of the year went jointly to Harry Harris of *The Daily Mirror* and David Hopps of *The Guardian*. Sports feature writer of the year was Patrick Collins of *The Mail on Sunday*, with Michael Parkinson of *The Daily Telegraph* being highly commended. The Doug Gardner award for services to sports journalism was given to John Rodda of *The Guardian*.

Roberts contemplates Woking's downfall

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

GRAHAM Roberts, the Enfield player-manager, is confident that his side will finish the job tomorrow after forcing a 1-1 draw in the FA Trophy semi-final first leg at Woking last Saturday.

"We're not going to underestimate them," Roberts said. "We've done the easy part away from home. The hard part will be in front of our own supporters. But if Woking expect us just to pour forward, we won't be doing that — we're too professional. Just as we did against Sutton in the quarter-final replay, we're going to sit down and work out everything they can throw at us and match it."

Roberts played an influential role in the first leg. He started in defence and gave Woking a second-minute lead with an own goal before pushing up to retrieve the cause. After Mark Tucker had deflected Gary Britnell's shot into the net, Roberts dropped back to reinforce the midfield.

A 1-1 draw at Wokingham on Tuesday has subsequently damaged Enfield's hopes of winning the Diadora League. "We've lost only twice in 42 matches but people have to realise the players aren't robots," Roberts said. "You can't just put in a disk and send them out to turn out results. Come what may, Enfield have had five years in the doldrums. George Borg, my assistant, and I feel the team has given the club and town a season to remember."

Woking's midweek misadventure against Dagenham and Redbridge, when they lost 8-1 in a GM Vauxhall Conference match, was far worse. Geoff Chapple, the Woking manager, said: "People keep ringing me to find out whether we had a goalkeeper. The daft thing is, he never had a shot to save. It was one of those games.

"We were 2-1 down at half-time and, at the start of the second half, we put together two wonderful passing moves and had one-on-one chances that we didn't take. Instead, they scored a third and we capitulated. There's no other word for it."

The other semi-final sees Guiseley attempt to become the first club to win the FA Vase and FA Trophy in front of an all-ticket crowd at Nethermoor. They held Runcorn 1-1 in the first leg and saw the Conference side crash 5-0 at home to Kidderminster Harriers on Wednesday.

Beverley

Going: good to soft (good in places)

2.15 (5f) 1, Colway Rake (Pat Eddery, 5-4 fav); 2, Childhood (20-1); 3, South Forest (7-1). 12 ran. Hd, ¾l J Watts. Tote: £2.10; £1.70, £5.30, £1.60. DF: £26.00. CSF: £27.41

2.45 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Dragon Man (J Weaver, 10-11 fav); 2, Storm Heights (8-1); 3, Devilsdancer (33-1). 9 ran. 1l, 2½l. P Haslam. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £2.30, £2.20. DF: £7.90. CSF: £9.50

3.15 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Brave Patriarch (W Carson, 4-1); 2, Polo Kit (5-2 fav); 3, Clifton Beat (9-2). 10 ran. 2½l, Sl. J Dunlop. Tote: £4.90; £1.30, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £7.50. Trio: £18.80. CSF: £14.49. Tricast: £42.77.

3.45 (7f 100yd) 1, Governor George (Pat Eddery, 11-8 fav, Richard Evans' reapt); 2, Amdify (9-2); 3, Northern Celadon (7-2). 8 ran. 1¼l, 1½l. D Loder. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.90. £1.30. DF: £4.30 CSF: £8.29. Tricast: £17.19.

4.15 (1m 100yd) 1, Kandyan (L Dettori, 8-11 fav); 2, Kings Cay (7-2), 3, Durano (17-2). 10 ran. ½l, 3l. J Watts. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £1.70, £2.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £4.29. Kings Cay finished first, but after a stewards' enquiry was placed second.

4.45 (1m 1f 207yd) 1, Master Othe House (J Marshall, 14-1); 2, Westfield Moves (11-2); 3, No Comebacks (6-1); 4, Watch Me Go (33-1). Katy's Lad 3-1 fav. 19 ran. 1¼l, ½l. M Hammond. Tote: £36.20; £5.00, £1.70, £2.00, £10.80. DF: £157.80. Trio: £308.00. CSF: £97.90. Tricast: £499.68.

Jackpot: £7,100.00 (pool of £5,502.63 carried forward to Sandown Park today).

Placepot: £9.50.

Fontwell Park

Going: good to firm (firm in places)

2.20 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Res Ipsa Loquitur (DGallagher, 5-1); 2, Jehol (14-1); 3, Scott's Boucuet (50-1). Native Chieftain 2-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Chairman, 3½l, 8l. J Long. Tote: £7.50; £2.30, £5.90, £14.30. DF: £145.10. CSF: £71.58.

2.50 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Master Comedy (M Stevens, 33-1); 2, Donnoughan (7-1); 3, Satin Noir (12-1) Island Forest 3-1 fav. 12 ran. NR: Miss Fern, 25½l, dh hd. S Stevens. Tote: £51.90; £9.20, £1.30, £3.80 DF: £225.00. Trio: £345.90. CSF: £231.27. Tricast: £2,663.77.

3.20 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Quiet Dawn (P Ward, 11-2 fav), 2, Temporale (16-1); 3, Peak District (11-1). 4, Qualitair Memory (6-1). 20 ran. NR: Connebee, St Robert. Sh hd, 2l. J King. Tote: £7.30; £2.00, £6.10, £2.40, £2.10. DF: £74.00. Trio: £318.80. CSF: £94.24. Tricast: £904.77.

3.50 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Early Man (Peter Hobbs, 100-30); 2, Deependable (11-8 fav); 3, Groommaster (8-1). 12 ran. ½l, 2½l. D Gillespie. Tote: £3.70; £1.40, £1.60, £2.60. DF: £3.50. CSF: £7.95.

4.20 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Woodlands Boy (M Hoad, 50-1); 2, Ile De Sos (6-1); 3, Poly Minor (5-1). Call Home 8-13 fav. 13 ran. NR: Ballygrittin Lad, Fly Guard, Titan Empress. 1½l, 2½l. R Hoad. Tote: £57.00; £9.00, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £182.20. CSF: £295.47.

4.50 (2m 2f ch) 1, Dextra Dove (S Earle, 11-2); 2, Soleil Dancer (6-1); 3, Bold Choice (6-1). Macedonas 5-1 fav. 13 ran. NR: Silent Chant, ½l, 1l. R Allan. Tote: £5.90; £2.40, £2.80, £1.90. DF: £36.90. Trio: £29.30 CSF: £37.47. Tricast: £192.06.

5.20 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Polish Rider (C Huggan, 50-1); 2, Khalidi (11-4); 3, Dear Do (6-1). Laburnum 6-4 fav. 16 ran. NR: Grand Colonist, Kilabel, My Wizard. 4l, Sl. Mrs D Haine. Tote: £90.40; £11.80, £1.70, £3.00. DF: £184.30 CSF: £189.03.

Placepot: £2,575.70.

Perth

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, John Naman (A Dobbin, 16-1); 2, Al Forum (9-2); 3, Dignified (16-1). Kanndabil 3-1 fav. 18 ran. NR: Believe It, Miss Jedd, Old Comrades. 3½l, 1½l. M Barnes. Tote: £30.50; £5.30, £1.70, £3.10. DF: £97.30. CSF: £84.16.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, Capital Punishment (C Grant, 4-1); 2, Barney Rubble (25-1); 3, Lo Stregone (4-5 fav). 8 ran. 4l, 8l. M Hammond. Tote: £5.20; £1.40, £1.90, £1.20. DF: £19.20. CSF: £69.69.

3.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Cariboo Gold (N Williamson, 11-8 fav); 2, Somerset Dancer (14-1); 3, Sweet Noble (12-1). 9 ran. 4l, 12l. K Bailey. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £2.40, £4.80. DF: £32.30. Trio: £159.90. CSF: £19.73. Tricast: £158.26.

3.30 (2m ch) 1, Jinny Jack (N Doughty, 9-2); 2, Terrible Gal (7-2); 3, Golden Isle (14-1). Drumstick 11-10 fav. 7 ran. 3½l, 12l. G Richards. Tote: £4.80; £3.00, £2.60. DF: £5.60. CSF: £20.07.

4.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Smuggler's Point (D O'Sullivan, 5-1); 2, Principal Player (9-4); 3, Band Sable (8-11 fav) 12 ran. 15l, 30l. J Bridger. Tote: £9.30; £1.60, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £15.90. CSF: £18.52.

4.30 (3m ch) 1, Once Stung (Mr J Greenall, 1-2 fav); 2, Duright (25-1); 3, Shilgrove Place (5-1). 7 ran. 20l, 20l. P Cheesbrough. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £7.80. DF: £22.80. CSF: £12.25.

Placepot: £16.90.

Wednesday's late results

Kempton Park

Going: good to soft

6.30 (1m 1f) 1, Lady Lacey (Iona Wands, 9-2 fav); 2, Stoproveritate (8-1); 3, Lombard Ships (14-1); 4, Buddy's Friend (7-1). 17 ran. Hd, 1½l. G Balding. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £2.50, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £12.80. Trio: £92.80. CSF: £24.52. Tricast: £414.63.

7.00 (1m 4f) 1, Dreame End (K Rutter, 6-1), 2, Admiral's Wall (6-1); 3, Princess Emyn (4-1 fav). 12 ran. Hd, nk. P Hobbs. Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £23.50. Trio: £30.40 CSF: £32.57. Tricast: £120.29.

7.30 (1m 2f) 1, Alrifla (J Reid, Evens fav); 2, Amancio (12-1); 3, Ezz Alaiba (100-30). 17 ran. 3½l, 1¼l, R Hannon. Tote: £2.50; £1.30, £2.20, £1.30. DF: £5.80. CSF: £15.85.

8.00 (6f) 1, Beyin (R Street, 7-1); 2, Al Sheam (8-1); 3, Elba (3-1 fav). 11 ran. 1¼l, 2½l. M Usher. Tote: £9.80; £3.00, £4.80, £1.10. DF: £60.80. Trio: £141.80. CSF: £58.06. Tricast: £187.49.

Jackpot: £12,273.80. Placepot: £13.30.

Newton Abbot

Going: good

6.40 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Nearly Splendid (Mr T Greed, 3-1 fav); 2, Stony Maddox (5-1); 3, Kiwi Velocity (4-1). 12 ran. NR: Abbotsham, Rampold. 4l, 12l. S Stevens. Tote: £4.50; £2.10, £2.30. DF: £23.10. Trio: £11.80. CSF: £17.60. Tricast: £55.89.

7.10 (3m 3f hdle) 1, Pertezoustancals (R Dunwoody, 2-1 fav), 2, Mistress Ross (11-2); 3, Fresh-Mint (25-1); 4, Dominion Treasure (20-1). 16 ran. 6l, 4l. M Pipe. Tote: £3.90; £1.10, £1.80, £6.30, £4.70. DF: £11.80. Trio: £170.60. CSF: £14.68. Tricast: £210.14.

7.40 (2m 5f ch) 1, French Charmer (D Murphy, 5-1); 2, Crosula (7-4 fav); 3, Commanchero (25-1). 14 ran. Hd, 10l. J Gifford. Tote: £8.30; £2.70, £2.10, £4.10. DF: £5.60. Trio: £167.90. CSF: £15.88. Tricast: £171.38.

8.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Maestro Paul (D Murphy, 8-1); 2, Suncoat (7-1); 3, Smiling Chief (16-1); 4, Temple Knight (6-1). Comco 5-2 fav. 17 ran. 1¼l, 8l. J Gifford. Tote: £7.60; £2.40, £2.70, £5.00, £2.20. DF: £43.90. Trio: £167.70. CSF: £52.19. Tricast: £528.60.

Placepot: £97.60.

THUNDERER

2.10 Causley. 2.45 Lombard Ships. 3.15 Double Sixteen. 3.50 Candane. 4.20 The Jotter. 4.55 Montone.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:
2.10 SEA DEVIL.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Jaawis.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.10 ISAAC & JOHN FAWKES CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,781: 6f 206yd) (15 runners)

1 -010 CAUSLEY 14 (C,D,F,6,S) B Mcalister 9-9-3 ..... B Raymond 10
2 1161 SEA DEVIL 6 (F,6,S) M Camacho 8-9-1 ..... L Charnock 11
3 030 GILT THRONE 7 (F,6) M Tompkins 7-8-13 ..... P Robinson 2
4 000- SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 214 (D,F,S) W Bentley 7-8-13 R Lappin 13
5 00-1 WALI 23 (D,6,S) J Berry 4-8-13 ..... J Carroll 14
6 -058 SYMCRAK TYCOON 14 (D,F,6,S) G Holmes 5-8-11.. K Darley 6
7 600- SALIDA 23 (S) L Lungo 5-8-11 ..... M Birch 3
8 / BEACH PATROL 32 R Allan 6-8-7 ..... S Webster 15
9 4090 LARK FORT 23 (6,S) C Fairhurst 4-8-7 ..... J Fanning 8
10 -533 SEA-AYR 5 Mrs S Austin 4-8-4 ..... J Mackrell (5) 1
11 00-0 APPEALING TIMES 102 (D,6) G Fierro 5-8-3 ..... S Sanders (5) 9
12 0-00 VALLEY OF TIME 22 (D,F) D Nolan 5-8-2 ..... G Duffield 7
13 4/0 NOTRELLA 16 Miss L Perratt 5-8-0 ..... A McGlone 4
14 5-90 QUEEN OF THE QUORN 35J (D,S) G Moore 4-8-0 ..... J Lowe 5
15 A00 GLOW OF HOPE 9 E Alston 4-7-12 ..... J Quinn 12

5-2 Sea Devil, 3-1 Wali, 7-2 Gilt Throne, 8-1 Causley, 10-1 others.

2.45 TIM RILEY HANDICAP
(£4,013: 7f 214yd) (13)

1 0-14 SABERRUSH ROLLER 20 (BF,F,S) J Watts 6-10-0.. G Duffield 1
2 500- NOVUM 213 (F,6) L Lungo 4-9-7 ..... M Birch 3
3 401- ERDA 199 (F,S) Mrs M Rowley 4-9-0 ..... K Darley 6
4 60-0 BATTLE COLOURS 14 (D,F,6) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-12 K Rutter 8
5 -080 MAJOR MOUSE 6 (C,D,F,6) W Haigh 6-8-12 Dawn McKeown 10
6 6-25 DON'T JUMP 14 (D,S) M Tompkins 4-8-9 ..... P Robinson 7
7 04-4 SPANISH VERDICT 23 (23,F,S) Denys Smith 7-8-7 ..... G Teague (7) 13
8 41-0 TAHITIAN 14 (D,F) N Tinkler 5-8-3 ..... J Quinn 8
9 60-0 WHITE CREEK 22 (V,C,D,6,S) J Berry 4-7-12 ..... L Charnock 4
10 -503 LONGWOOD CHIEF'S 2 (6,DD,F,6,S) A Bailey 7-7-11 Dale Gibson 2
11 -005 PREMIER STAR 17 (S) M Dods 4-7-7 ..... J Fanning 12
12 /60- MR DIMPLE 329 Mrs M Rowley 4-7-7 ..... Dannie Mollitt (5) 5
13 /0-2 BAND SERGEANT 22 G Richards 5-7-7 ..... J Lowe 11

4-1 Efida, 5-1 Don't Jump, Sagebrush Roller, 11-2 Bystle Colours, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; M Tompkins, 9 from 29, 31.0%; N Tinkler, 7 from 25, 28.0%; S Norton, 8 from 29, 27.6%; J Berry, 24 from 101, 23.8%; M Johnston, 9 from 41, 22.0%.

JOCKEYS: P Robinson, 8 winners from 20 rides, 40.0%; M Tebbutt, 3 from 11, 27.3%; G Duffield, 20 from 90, 22.2%; B Raymond, 5 from 23, 21.7%; K Darley, 19 from 101, 18.8%.

3.15 WILLIAM & KIT PATTERSON HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,436: 1m 4f) (8)

1 43-1 JAAWIS 24 (G) M Stoute 9-7 ..... B Raymond 8
2 2-01 MEMORABLE 18 (V,D,S) M Tompkins 9-7 ..... K Darley 1
3 21-62 SURPRISE GUEST 6 (S) M Johnston 9-1 ..... J Weaver 3
4 00-3 DOCKMASTER 19 J Berry 8-13 ..... J Carroll 2
5 5120 PLINTH 29 (G) N Gaselee 8-2 ..... A McGlone 7
6 00-3 DOUBLE SIXTEEN 15 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 8-0 .. B Russell (5) 6
7 50-0 GREENWICH 22 M Jarvis 7-10 ..... J Quinn 4
8 0045 OLYMPIC BID 18 C Allen 7-7 ..... M Baird (7) 5

3-1 Surprise Guest, 7-2 Jaawis, Memorable, 5-1 Double Sixteen, 11-2 Dockmaster, 13-2 Plinth, 12-1 Greenwich, 16-1 Olympic Bid.

3.50 TOMMY HENDERSON MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,202: 1m 4f) (6)

1 40-4 BACCANALIA 20 R Fisher 9-0 ..... J Quinn 2
2 -502 GUANGO 7 R Hollinshead 9-0 ..... S Perks 6
3 0 FOUNDRY LANE 7 Mrs M Rowley 9-0 ..... S Copp (7) 4
4 00-0 NEEDWOOD JOKER 18 G Fierro 9-0 ..... S Sanders (5) 1
5 0-42 CANDANE 14 M Tompkins 9-0 ..... S Sanders (5) 3
6 35-4 CRISTAL SPRINGS 18 A Hanson 8-9 ..... P Robinson 5

4-5 Candane, 4-1 Cristal Springs, 11-2 Foundry Lane, 7-1 Baccanalia, 12-1 Guango, 25-1 Needwood Joker.

4.20 JAMES & TIM WESTOLL MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,524: 5f) (13)

1 AIRBOURNE RON S Norton 9-0 ..... K Fallon 4
2 EDEN DANCER Mrs M Rowley 8-9 ..... B Raymond 6
3 6 HAMILTON SILK 16 D Moffatt 9-0 ..... Dannie Mollitt (5) 9
4 LAST CORNER R Hollinshead 9-0 ..... K Darley 12
5 MANFUL J Hetherton 9-0 ..... M Kennedy (5) 8
6 NEBRANGUS N Bycroft 9-0 ..... L Charnock 9
7 PERSIAN FAYRE J Berry 9-0 ..... J Carroll 2
8 ARAGORGE J Etherington 8-9 ..... G Duffield 1
9 0 CINDERS CHANCE 7 M Bleahy 8-9 ..... B Doyle 10
10 02 POLLI PUI 9 P Evans 8-9 ..... S Morris 11
11 3 STITCH KISS 13 M W Easterby 8-9 ..... D Holland 7
12 4 THE JOTTER 8 W Jarvis 8-9 ..... T Lucas 13
13 3 THREE ARCH BRIDGE 17 M Johnston 8-9 ..... M Tebbutt 5

9-4 The Jotter, 5-2 Persian Fayre, 13-2 Polli Pui, 7-1 Stolen Kiss, Eden Dancer, 8-1 Three Arch Bridge, 12-1 Aragorge, 14-1 Manful, 16-1 Last Corner, 25-1 others.

4.55 LOFTUS BATES HANDICAP
(£2,915: 5f 207yd) (11)

1 400- PINE RIDGE LAD 210 (D,F,S) B Beasley 4-9-12 ..... J Tate (5) 2
2 1P-5 RICKY'S TORNADO 8 (D,S) J Parkes 5-9-7 ..... G Duffield 1
3 020- MU-ARRIK 172 (D,V,F) G Oldroyd 6-9-6 ..... S Webster 11
4 05-0 KEEN AND CLEAR 16 (V) D Moffatt 4-9-12 Dannie Mollitt (5) 10
5 0-03 FRANCIS ANN 22 (D,S) Miss L Perratt 5-9-11 ..... J Quinn 5
6 48-6 STEADFAST ELITE 9 (D,S) J J O'Neill 3-9-10 ..... J Fanning 9
7 00-2 MONTONE 17 (BF,D,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-5 ..... J Weaver 7
8 2560 LADY SILK 17 (V) J Hetherton 3-8-4 ..... K Fallon 3
9 0000 GENTLE HERO 2 (D,F,6,S) M Naughton 8-9-3 Dale McKeown 8
10 500- CLEVEDONIAN 9 266 (S) M Bleahy 5-9-2 ..... S Morris 6
11 36-5 PRECISION EDGE 20 (D) R Fisher 3-7-12 ..... J Quinn 12

11-4 Montone, 7-1 Precision Edge, Steadfast Elite, 15-2 Clevedonian, 8-1 others.

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Eddery ruled out of first colts' classic

By Julian Muscat

PAT Eddery, the champion jockey, will miss the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on April 30 after being banned for two days for improper riding at Beverley yesterday.

The suspension, from April 30 to May 1, was imposed for his riding of Kings Cay, who was first past the post in the Ald William Hodgson Maiden Stakes. Eddery was expected to ride the Henry Cecil-trained Distant View, a 20-1 chance, in the colts' classic.

Anthony Gillam, the stewards' secretary, said: "The stewards were in no doubt that Eddery was guilty of improper riding. They took the view that he had shown inattention in that he made no attempt to change his whip hand."

The stewards also investigated Eddery's use of the whip throughout the final two furlongs. They found that he had hit Kings Cay down the shoulder with his whip in the forehand position, and cautioned him as to his future use of the whip.

Eddery left the course before the stewards' verdict was announced, but will be in action at Sandown Park today, with Ventiquattrofogli, in the group two Gardner Merchant Mile, looking the pick of his rides.

With guaranteed prize-money of £60,000, the race has attracted a field of nine useful performers. However, the racecourse executive may be disappointed that none of the established older milers have accepted the challenge. The likes of Barathea, Bigstone, Bin Ajwaad, Catrail and Mistle Cat have been held in reserve, while Sayyedati and Ski Paradise run in the £700,000 Keio-Hai Spring Cup in Tokyo tomorrow.

All the more reason, then, for one of today's runners to snaffle what amounts to a highly-lucrative opportunity. Sayyedati's trainer, Clive Brittain, is represented by Alflora, himself not far behind the best milers of last year. Swing Low was rated Alflora's equal after a sequence of group race victories over a mile, and these two, along with the seasoned Ventiquattrofogli, will test the pretentions of progressive horses like Revelation, Emperor Jones and Polka Dancer.

Richard Hannon, trainer of Revelation, makes no secret of the high regard in which he holds this colt. Hannon campaigned the four-year-old in the highest class last season, mostly over ten furlongs. He feels the drop back to a mile will favour Revelation and is expecting big things. "He's done really well over the break," Hannon said.

"I was never happy with his coat last year but he looks fantastic; better than ever. I think he's got a great chance." Should Revelation have improved at the same rate as Swing Low, his stablemate, then he will undoubtedly be a thorn in the three-year-olds' side throughout the summer.

There was precious little between Swing Low and Emperor Jones in two of their encounters in 1993. The latter's trainer, John Gosden, said: "He is getting a little lazy about his work: he's getting a bit wiser as he gets older. I expect him to run a nice race but I'm sure he'll come on for the run."

Even at this early stage, there is clearly much to play for over what has undoubtedly become the most competitive racing distance in Europe.

Grant quits the saddle following Perth victory

By Julian Muscat

CHRIS Grant, one of the most popular jump jockeys ever to grace the weighing rooms of the north, yesterday announced his retirement from the saddle.

Grant, at 37 a veteran by National Hunt standards, had been considering calling it a day for a few months but made the final decision to hang up his boots after winning on Capital Punishment at Perth yesterday.

Capital Punishment, trained by Micky Hammond, Grant's boss for the past 12 months, was providing the County Durham-born jockey with the 788th winner of his distinguished 20-year career when capturing the Glengoyne Highland Malt Tamerosia Novices' Chase Series Final.

Grant was surrounded by well-wishers in the unsaddling enclosure when his retirement became public knowledge and he admitted to feeling "very emotional" as he received a parting gift of two bottles of champagne.

"I'm getting on a bit now. I've met a lot of nice people over the years in this sport," Grant said. "I'm old enough to be father to several of the young lads in the weighing room and at the end of the day, race riding is a young man's profession.

"I'm 37, going on 38 and I had figured I would have had to retire sooner or later. So as I crossed the line on Capital Punishment, I thought: 'That's it. I'll go out right now on a winner!'"

Grant has no immediate plans for his future, but confirmed he would like to remain involved in the world of racing.

Among the high points of his career, Grant nominated his victory on Killone Abbey in the Scottish National, his association with Blazing Walker, and coming so close to Grand National victory on Durham Edition.



Grant announced his retirement at Perth yesterday

"Although Durham Edition was only second in two Nationals, he'll always hold my fondest memories," he recalled. Grant had 13 National mounts, but victory eluded him and he had to settle for the runner-up spot three times in all, also finishing second on Young Driver in 1986.

Grant joined Denys Smith's Bishop Auckland yard on leaving school but had to wait around three years before riding his first winner, Trim Lawns, at Hexham in June 1977, for trainer Howard Johnson's late father, Roy.

Towards the end of his career, Grant became stable jockey to Smith's neighbour, Arthur Stephenson, on the retirement of Ridley Lamb, and continued to ride for the Crawleas yard when Peter Cheesbrough succeeded his late uncle 18 months ago.

Grant added: "I was proud to have been associated with Arthur and his team, but it was Denys Smith who gave me my start in racing and the chance to get established as a jockey. I've had a lot of fun over the years, and I am very emotional today."

Smith said: "He's been a first-class man all his life. There has never been a more dedicated, genuine jockey. Chris was a total professional who never let the side down.

"I never saw a drop of alcohol pass his lips, he'd always drink orange juice or Coke. If you invited him to a party, he would always turn up, but only to show his face and then he'd go home quietly."

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Painted Madam
2.35 King Of Naples
3.05 Secret Aly
3.40 EMPEROR JONES (nap)
4.10 Paradise Navy
4.45 Lord High Admiral
5.20 Dreams

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.05 SHINTILLO (nap). 3.40 Emperor Jones.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.00 KELVIN INTERNATIONAL SERVICES MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,485: 5f 6yd) (10 runners)

101 (8) ASTROJOY (Mrs M Caine) R Hannon 8-11 ... Pat Eddery —
102 (5) BIRETHARTI (Mrs V Pritchard-Gordon) G Lewis 8-11 ... D Harrison —
103 (9) 2 BRAZEN PRINCESS 14 (N Bryce-Smith) J Bridger 8-11 ... A Munro —
104 (4) BUILT FOR COMFORT (P Hammond) R Hannon 8-11 ... L Dettori —
105 (10) ELITE RACING (Elite Racing Club) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn —
106 (7) EXOSAL (A Perry) G Lewis 8-11 ... J Swift —
107 (1) 3 FANTASY RACING 9 (P Bonar) M Channon 8-11 ... W Carson —
108 (3) KELLAIRE GIRL (D Purdue) G Lewis 8-11 ... Paul Eddery —
109 (6) 2 PAINTED MADAM 9 (N Murray) B Hills 8-11 ... M Hills —
110 (2) REMITTANCE MONEY (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11 ... J Reid —

BETTING: 7-4 Painted Madam, 5-2 Fantasy Racing, 5-1 Elite Racing, 8-1 Astrojoy, 10-1 others.

1993: ROHITA 2-8-11 Pat Eddery (2-1 fav) M Channon 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

ASTROJOY (foaled Mar 5, cost 6,800gns). Half-sister by Pharly to El Volador, multiple 7f-1m 4f winner and Call To Mind, dual 7f winner; dam juvenile 6f winner. BRAZEN PRINCESS 3l 3rd of 6 to Romeos in a maiden at Lingfield (5f, heavy). BUILT FOR COMFORT (Jan 23, 10,000gns) Half-sister by Nordico to Dancing Vision, 2m winner over hurdles; dam winner in North America at three years. ELITE RACING (May 12, 16,000gns). Half-sister by Risk Me to Pandy, moderate 1m/1m 3f winner; dam moderate maiden. PAINTED MADAM 2½l 2nd of 10 to Limerick Belle in a maiden at Newmarket (5f, good to soft) with FANTASY RACING (same terms) 1½l 3rd. REMITTANCE MONEY (Mar 29). Half-sister by Distant Relative to three winners including Lost Reputation, 7f-1m 4f winner and New Reputation, 1m 4f winner at three years; dam placed over 1m 4f at three years.
Selection: PAINTED MADAM.

2.35 FORTE CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,588: 1m 14yd) (6 runners) C4

201 (5) 3121-1 SURIS 21 (F,S) (Scuderia Rencati Srl) L Cumani 9-10 ... R Cochrane 85
202 (4) 1- KING OF NAPLES 175 (D,G) (Lord De La Warr) R Charlton 9-4 ... Pat Eddery 95
203 (1) 1- LES BOYER 184 (S) (Mrs L Graham) N Graham 9-4 ... W Ryan —
204 (2) 21-3 MEDITERRANEO 15 (D,G) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 9-4 ... W Carson 89
205 (6) 215- TWIN FALLS 183 (D,S) (Fahd Salman) R Hannon 9-2 ... J Reid 99
206 (3) 01- FRAGRANT BELLE 220 (CD,S) (W O'Gorman) D Elsworth 8-11 ... J Williams 97

BETTING: 2-1 King of Naples, 7-2 Mediterraneo, Suris, 4-1 Fragrant Belle, 8-1 Twin Falls, 16-1 Les Boyer.

1993: PORT LUCAYA 3-8-10 L Dettori (11-2) R Hannon 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

SURIS beat Parouche 1¾l in 7-runner handicap at San Siro (7f 110yd, good to firm). KING OF NAPLES beat Bluegrass Prince ¾l in 9-runner conditions race at Newmarket (1m, good). LES BOYER beat Son Ginestra 1l in 9-runner maiden at San Siro (7f, heavy). MEDITERRANEO 10l 3rd of 5 to Linney Head in conditions race at Ripon (1m 1f, good). TWIN FALLS 6½l 5th of 8 to Barbaroja in listed race at Pontefract (1m, good to soft). FRAGRANT BELLE beat I Fear Nothing ½l in 8-runner maiden over course and distance (soft).
Selection: KING OF NAPLES

3.05 RING & BRYMER HANDICAP (£7,227: 1m 14yd) (8 runners) C4

301 (2) 1/2632- SHINTILLO 174 (S) (Tellnagro S R L) L Cumani 4-9-7 ... R Cochrane 97
302 (3) 055030- RISK MASTER 188 (D,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 5-9-5 ... W Woods 97
303 (4) 3102-40 EMBANKMENT 27 (D,F,S) (Lady Tennant) R Hannon 4-9-0 ... J Reid 98
304 (1) 3400-12 ABSOLUTE MAGIC 9 (BF,S) (Mrs B Bassett) W Haggas 4-9-0 ... M Hills 99
305 (7) 011200- HE'S A KING 174 (D,F,G) (Lady Swaythling) J Dunlop 4-8-12 ... L Dettori 93
306 (8) 211310- SAIFAN 174 (B,D,F,G) (D & L Racing) D Morris 5-8-10 ... C Hodgson (3) 95
307 (5) 20-34 SECRET ALY 22 (BF) (R Vosk) C Brittain 4-8-7 ... M Roberts 95
308 (6) 00000-0 STARLIGHT FLYER 11 (B,CD,F,G,S) (T Waters) J Long 7-8-7 Stephen Davies (3) 57

Long handicap: Secret Aly 8-3, Starlight Flyer 5-2

BETTING: 3-1 Shintillo, 7-2 Absolute Magic, 4-1 He's A King, 5-1 Saifan, 7-1 Embankment, Secret Aly, 8-1 Risk Master, 25-1 Starlight Flyer

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SHINTILLO short-head 2nd of 30 to Cambora in a handicap at Newmarket (1m, good), with SAIFAN (3lb better off) 3½l 8th and HE'S A KING (3lb better off) 7½l 25th. EMBANKMENT 12l 4th of 8 to View From Above in a conditions race at Lingfield (AW, 1m 2f) on penultimate start. ABSOLUTE MAGIC 1½l 2nd of 11 to Band On The Run in a handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to soft). HE'S A KING best effort last season when 1l 2nd of 8 to Rambo's Hall in a handicap at Ascot (1m, good to soft), with RISK MASTER (1lb worse off) head 3rd. SAIFAN beat Sand Table head in a 21-runner handicap at Newmarket (1m, good) on penultimate start. SECRET ALY 4l 4th of 13 to Yoxall Lodge in a handicap at Leicester (7f, soft).
Selection: SHINTILLO

3.40 GARDNER MERCHANT MILE (Group II: £35,406: 1m 14yd) (9 runners) C4

401 (1) 106200- ALFLORA 131 (D,F,S) (Parrot Racing) C Brittain 5-9-4 ... M Roberts 98
402 (9) 514030- REVELATION 186 (F,S) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Hannon 4-9-4 ... T Quinn 90
403 (8) 11550-0 SWING LOW 9 (D,F,G,S) (Roldvale Limited) R Hannon 5-9-4 ... J Reid 95
404 (7) 31000- CALLING COLLECT 270 (D,G,S) (Godolphin Racing) L Cumani 5-9-0 R Cochrane —
405 (5) 352356- EMPEROR JONES 201 (D,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-0 ... L Dettori 95
406 (4) 45310-6 GABR 9 (D,G,S) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-9-0 ... W Carson 95
407 (3) 35330-2 VENTIQUATTROFOGLI 9 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Gerecon Italia) J Dunlop 4-9-0 Pat Eddery 99
408 (6) 21211-5 PENNY DROPS 18 (D,BF,G,S) (Stanley J Sharp) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-11 D Harrison 91
409 (2) 11- POLKA DANCER 326 (CD,F,G) (S Richmond-Watson) J Fanshawe 4-8-11 W Ryan 81

BETTING: 7-2 Emperor Jones, 4-1 Ventiquattrofogli, 5-1 Swing Low, 6-1 Revelation, 7-1 Penny Drops, 8-1 others.

1993: ALHIJAZ 4-9-5 W Carson (6-1) J Dunlop 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALFLORA best effort beat Inner City neck in the 9-runner group II Queen Anne Stakes at Ascot (1m, good to soft), with SWING LOW (3lb better off) 2l 4th and CALLING COLLECT (4lb better off) 11l 8th. SWING LOW best effort short-head in the 6-runner group III (1lb better off) short-head in the 6-runner group III Kiveton Park Stakes at Doncaster (1m, soft). GABR best effort beat Wharf 2½l in a 7-runner listed race at Newmarket (1m, good). VENTIQUATTROFOGLI 2l 2nd of 10 to Del Deya in the group III Earl Of Sefton Stakes at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to soft), with GABR 8½l 6th and SWING LOW (1lb better off) 2½l 7th. PENNY DROPS best effort beat Talent 6l in the 33-runner Cambridgeshire handicap at Newmarket (1m 1f, good to soft). POLKA DANCER beat Magique Rond Point neck in a 6-runner listed race over course and distance (good to firm).
Selection: VENTIQUATTROFOGLI

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 TOWN AND COUNTY CATERING HANDICAP (£5,107: 2m 78yd) (16 runners) C4

501 (4) 410100/ GAY GLINT 560 (C,D,F,G) (P Jacobs) N Graham 7-10-0 ... L Dettori —
502 (3) 052212- PURPLE SPLASH 188 (G) (C Wallord) P Makin 4-10-0 ... M Hills 94
503 (8) 323/4- DOCTOOR 23J (I Baker) R O'Sullivan 4-9-10 ... R Cochrane 84
504 (10) 08/0-12 PARADISE NAVY 18 (BF,G) (W Gredley) M Pipe 5-9-9 ... Pat Eddery 97
505 (6) 243210- MOIDART 211 (D,S) (Sir D Wills) J Fanshawe 4-9-9 ... W Ryan 91
506 (7) 12040-5 BOLD RESOLUTION 18 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 6-9-7 ... M Roberts 90
507 (6) 011140- SUN GREBE 188 (CD,F,G) (Sir T Pilkington) J Dunlop 4-9-6 ... Paul Eddery 97
508 (2) 541206- WINGS COVE 115J (C,F) (E Cohen) Lady Herries 4-9-6 ... J Reid 93
509 (12) 30300-0 CHAKALAK 18 (D,F,G) (P Chaldo) S Dow 6-9-4 ... A Munro 86
510 (14) 33315-0 MONARDA 18 (D,F,G,S) (Fahd Salman) P Cole 7-9-3 ... T Quinn 93
511 (11) 111010- SUMMER WIND 129J (C,D,F,G,S) (R Richards) D Elsworth 4-9-3 ... B Doyle (3) 96
512 (15) 1112-60 COLERIDGE 28 (D,F,G) (Sir Sheehan) J Sheehan 6-9-1 ... K Rutter (5) 94
513 (16) 215400- CHUCKLESTONE 202J (D,F,G) (M O'Connor) J King 11-8-7 ... A Clark 93
514 (5) 4006-44 ZEALOUS KITTEN 18 (G,S) (M Osman) R Price 5-8-1 ... W Carson 93
515 (1) 431000- SO SAUCY 207 (F,S) (Clarendon Park Stud) B Meehan 4-7-12 ... C Rutter 95
516 (13) 36003-8 LUNAR RISK 15 (F,G) (Copyforce Ltd) Miss B Sanders 4-7-10 ... D Wright (5) 99

BETTING: 11-4 Paradise Navy, 8-1 Zealous Kitten, 9-1 Moidart, Sun Grebe, 10-1 Wings Cove, 11-1 Bold Resolution, Monarda, 14-1 Summer Wind, 16-1 Doctoor, Lunar Risk, Purple Splash, 25-1 others.

1993: ROBINGO 4-9-0 A Munro (2-1 fav) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

GAY GLINT best effort beat Requested 1¾l in an 11-runner handicap at Ascot (2m, good). PURPLE SPLASH beat Cult Link 6l in an 11-runner maiden at Lingfield (1m 6f, good to soft) on penultimate start, with DOCTOOR (4lb better off) 10l 4th. PARADISE NAVY 8l 2nd of 15 to Jonsalan in a handicap at Kempton (2m, soft), with ZEALOUS KITTEN (4lb better off) 8l 4th, BOLD RESOLUTION (4lb better off) 15l 5th and CHAKALAK (4lb better off) and MONARDA (4lb better off) both tailed off. MOIDART beat Bardolph 2l in an 11-runner handicap at Goodwood (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. SUN GREBE best effort beat MOIDART (3lb worse off) 4l in an 18-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm), with CHUCKLESTONE (11lb better off) tailed off 11th. SUMMER WIND beat High Summer 4l in a 15-runner handicap at Salisbury (1m 6f, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: PARADISE NAVY (nap)

4.45 LOCKHART CATERING EQUIPMENT HANDICAP (£5,061: 5f 6yd) (14 runners)

601 (8) 0001-03 LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 7 (CD,F,G,S) (E Young) M Heaton-Ellis 6-9-10 Pat Eddery 99
602 (2) 0205-06 GONE SAVAGE 18 (CD,F,G,S) (C Roberts) W Musson 6-9-6 ... R Cochrane 95
603 (5) 114342- MOSCOW ROAD 200 (D,S) (G Sampson) R Hannon 3-8-4 ... L Dettori 98
604 (13) 15356-2 ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 14 (D,G) (G Steinberg) L Holt 5-8-2 ... J Reid 92
605 (7) 42421- COMMON LAW 199 (S) (Mrs N Myers) M Channon 4-9-1 ... T Quinn 89
606 (12) 310030- MAGIC ORB 195 (CD,F,G,S) (M Olden) J Spearing 4-9-1 ... M Humphries (7) 88
607 (10) 0004-40 SO RHYTHMICAL 22 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Eden) G Eden 10-9-0 ... C Hodgson (3) 95
608 (9) 500000- BELLSABANGING 145 (D,F) (Mrs M Wickram) D Laing 4-8-12 ... S Whitworth 93
609 (14) 256000- HOPE HALL 187 (D Clee) R Whitaker 5-8-8 ... A Culhane 91
610 (1) 5004-26 PENNY HASSET 18 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs A Henson) M W Easterby 6-8-7 W Carson 98
611 (4) 30000-3 BELLS OF LONGWICK 14 (CD,F,S) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 5-8-7 ... T Williams 95
612 (3) 441281 BOLD STREET 20 (B,G,S) (Costin Trust Ltd) A Bailey 4-8-5 ... D Wright (5) 98
613 (6) 03410- GADGE 181 (S) (J R Leisure Ltd) G Moore 3-7-11 ... A Mackay 89
614 (11) 220000- FOLLOWMEGIRLS 151 (F,G) (D) (Exors of Mr J Martin) Mrs A King 5-7-8 N Adams 89

BETTING: 7-2 Lord High Admiral, 8-1 Allthruthenight, Bold Street, Penny Hasset, 9-1 Gone Savage, Moscow Road, 10-1 Magic Orb, 12-1 Common Law, 14-1 Bells Of Longwick, 16-1 others.

1993: LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 5-8-8 M Roberts (10-1) M Heaton-Ellis 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

LORD HIGH ADMIRAL neck and short-head 3rd of 16 to Village Green in a handicap at Newbury (5f, good to soft). MOSCOW ROAD 1¾l 2nd of 6 to Ya Malak in a conditions race at Warwick (5f, soft). ALLTHRUTHENIGHT 5l 2nd of 7 to Moving Image in a handicap at Lingfield (5f, heavy), with BELLS OF LONGWICK 2½l 3rd. COMMON LAW beat Tajhiz 2½l in a 7-runner maiden at Redcar (6f, good to soft). PENNY HASSET neck 2nd of 12 to Saddlehome in a handicap at Newcastle (5f, good) on penultimate start. BOLD STREET beat The Old Chapel 3½l in a 10-runner handicap at Haydock (6f, soft) with LORD HIGH ADMIRAL (8lb better off) 8½l 7th. GADGE beat Storey's Gate ½l in a 17-runner nursery at Newmarket (6f, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: BOLD STREET

5.20 DIRECTORS TABLE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,485: 1m 2f 7yd) (9 runners)

1 (1) 000- LOOSE CHANGE 214 (K Higson) G Moore 8-11 ... A Clark —
2 (4) 523- LYPHARD STREET 220 (Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 ... T Quinn 99
3 (7) 0-0 MIRADOR 20 (Mrs J Whitehead and J McGivern) R Curtis 8-11 ... W Newnes —
4 (2) 5- SERAPHIC 178 (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan 90
5 (6) CITY CENTRE (Lord Weinstock) L Cumani 8-7 ... R Cochrane —
6 (8) DREAMS (Mrs N Elwes) G Wragg 8-7 ... M Hills —
7 (5) LAS FLORES (Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-7 ... Pat Eddery —
8 (3) RUBY HEIGHTS (G Shropshire) W Jarvis 8-7 ... L Dettori —
9 (9) SHAMAKA (Sheikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-7 ... M Roberts —

BETTING: 3-1 Seraphic, 7-2 Lyphard Street, 9-2 Las Flores, 5-1 City Centre, 6-1 Dreams, 7-1 others.

1993: TALENTED 3-8-11 W Carson (15-8 fav) J Dunlop 15 ran

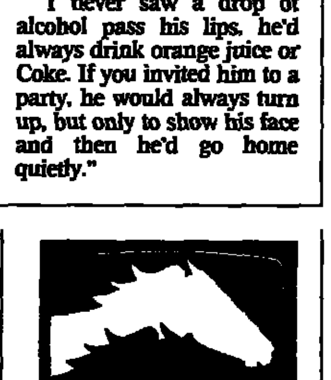
FORM FOCUS

LYPHARD STREET head 2nd of 16 to Bonny Bride in a maiden at Chepstow (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start. SERAPHIC 4¾l 5th of 15 to Coiza in a maiden at Leicester (1m, good to soft). CITY CENTRE half-sister by Be My Guest to useful French stayer Sought Out. DREAMS half-sister by Rainbow Quest to useful middle-distance performers Jaune and Beneficial. LAS FLORES half-sister by Sadlers Wells to Irish 1,000 Guineas runner-up Dancing Goddess.
Selection: LYPHARD STREET

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
M Pipe	4	7	57.1	W Ryan	7	33	21.2
G L Moore	3	9	33.3	Pat Eddery	42	234	17.9
J Gosden	15	63	23.8	T Quinn	28	161	17.4
N Graham	3	14	21.4	M Roberts	38	220	17.3
J Fanshawe	8	44	18.2	L Dettori	17	132	12.9
P Makin	5	28	17.9	A Munro	12	94	12.8

□ Woodlands Boy caused a 50-1 surprise when winning the Royal Veterinary College Challenge Trophy Novices Hurdle at Fontwell yesterday. Trainer Roger Hoad had wanted to run Woodlands Boy in the earlier selling hurdle, but was dissuaded by owner Stan Moore.



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Alflora to bloom in mile contest

SANDOWN PARK

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2.35: King Of Naples beat subsequent Free Handicap winner Bluegrass Prince on his debut last year, but that was in a slowly-run race. An Italian form book would be helpful here, with three of the leading fancies having been campaigned there last season. Suris and Les Boyer may need their first run of the season, and preference in a tricky contest is for **Mediterraneo**, from the in-form John Dunlop yard.

3.05: Risk Master tends to be inconsistent but at his best would have good prospects on his favoured ground. Saifan improved with every run last season but is probably best on a straight track. **Shintillo** has been working well at home, and Luca Cumani's classy runner looks sure to go well.

3.40: Alflora was first past the post in a pair of group two races last season, goes well fresh and is splendidly tough. Clive Brittain's front-runner had Swing Low back in fourth at Royal Ascot and is only marginally worse off at the weights. The race fit Ventiquattrofogli may be best of the rest, especially as he reverts to a mile.

4.10: Wings Cove, fit from hurdling, should go well now that he steps up to two miles. A winner here last August, he is trained by Lady Herries, whose Safety In Numbers bolted up at Newbury last week when tackling two miles for the first time. Paradise Navy was heavily backed at Kempton when failing to hold Jonsalan and is still fairly treated. Sun Grebe, a course and distance winner, is not out of it.

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Nap: PAINTED MADAM
(2.00 Sandown)
Next best: Shintillo
(3.05 Sandown)

PERTH

THUNDERER

2.20 Act Of Parliament. 2.55 On The Hooch. 3.25 Durham Sunset. 4.00 Hotdiggity. 4.30 Unholy Alliance. 5.05 Col Buckmore.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

2.20 MOET & CHANDON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,584: 3m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 1220 ACT OF PARLIAMENT 23 (B,BF,F) K Bailey 6-11-6 ... N Williamson 99
2 2021 OVER THE ODDS 7 (D,G) D McCune 5-11-6 ... K Johnson 84
3 -5P2 LITTLE FREDDIE 7 J Charlton 5-11-0 ... L Wyer 65
4 00 ONE LAST CHANCE 17 R Allan 5-10-9 ... B Storey —

4-6 Act Of Parliament, 7-2 Over The Odds, Little Freddie, 20-1 One Last Chance.

2.55 NORSK JOCKEYKLUB HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £3,344: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 PR14 FALSE ECONOMY 7 (D,G,S) J Edwards 9-12-0 ... J Greenall 86
2 1056 BISHOPDALE 10 (CD,F,G,S) S Chadwick 13-11-10 ... Miss J Thurlow (5) 83
3 611- THE YANK 419 (F,G) M Hammond 8-11-8 ... C Bonner (7) 89
4 4P44 ON THE HOOCH 2 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 9-11-2 ... J Bradburne (3) 98
5 35PP BARKISLAND 18 (D,G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-0 Mrs A Farrell (3) 90
6 -21P DEADLINE 32 (B,D,G,S) S Chadwick 11-10-12 ... N Wilson (5) 97
7 52U3 ABSAILOR 11 (V,F,G) Mrs S Bradburne 10-10-11 ... M Bradburne (7) 99
8 43F0 JUNIORS CHOICE 11 (F) J Threadgall 11-10-0 Mrs J Dun (7) 91

2-1 The Yank, 3-1 False Economy, 6-1 Bishopdale, On The Hooch, 7-1 Deadline, 10-1 Absailor, 12-1 Barkisland, 33-1 Juniors Choice.

3.25 CLERICAL MEDICAL CHASE (£7,035: 3m) (5)

1 211F MASTER OATS 13 (D,G,S) K Bailey 8-12-0 ... N Williamson 99
2 F532 FORTH AND TAY 36 (CD,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 12-11-8 ... P Williams 55
3 3-P5 IDA'S DELIGHT 18 (C,D,F,G,S) J Charlton 15-11-5 ... B Storey 70
4 0P35 SPARKLING FLAME 2 (B,D,G) N Henderson 10-11-5 ... P Niven 73
5 11U2 DURHAM SUNSET 6 (D,F,G,S) J Johnson 7-11-3 ... N Doughty 70

□ Trainer states Master Oats runs only if there is overnight rain

4-7 Master Oats, 7-2 Sparkling Flame, 11-2 Durham Sunset, 10-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Carlisle: 4.55 Keen And Clean, Precision Edge.

4.00 CAMPBELL BOATH CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,794: 3m 110yd) (9)

1 -5P0 THE DEMON BARBER 83 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 12-12-7 ... B Harding (7) 94
2 0340 VALIANT DASH 20 (CD,F,G,S) J Goldie 8-11-4 ... F Perratt (5) 99
3 0100 HOTDIGGITY 20 (D,G) P Monteith 6-10-13 ... A Dobbin 91
4 P/45 IRISH FLASHER 32 J Jefferson 7-10-12 ... P Williams (3) 88
5 P501 CLASSIC STATEMENT 38 (D,F,S) J Hellens 8-10-10 ... A Larnach (3) 87
6 0303 BADASTAN 18 (G) T Tate 5-10-9 ... R Garritty 90
7 -00P HELLO GEORGIE 98 (B,F,G) D Nolan 11-10-0 ... N Williamson —
8 3-30 SCOTTISH PERIL 30 R Allan 7-10-0 ... B Storey 96
9 U462 HIGHLAND FRIEND 27 (B) F Watson 6-10-0 ... J Supple (5) 91

3-1 Badastan, 7-2 Classic Statement, 9-2 Hotdiggity, 8-1 Highland Friend, Valiant Dash, 10-1 Scottish Peril, The Demon Barber, 12-1 others.

4.30 JOHN BRADBURNE & COMPANY NOVICES CHASE (£3,501: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 1144 GLEMOT 72 (F,G,S) J Johnson 6-11-12 ... N Doughty 98
2 3451 THE COUNTRY TRADER 7 (D,G) G Richards 8-11-8 M Moloney 83
3 2122 UNHOLY ALLIANCE 29 (BF,D,F,G,S) K Bailey 7-11-8 ... N Williamson 99
4 AYSCOUGHFEE DEER Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-3 P Williams (3) —
5 4535 FLING IN SPRING 2 (V) Mrs S Bradburne 8-11-3 ... Mr J Bradburne 71

5-4 Unholy Alliance, 7-4 Glemot, 4-1 The Country Trader, 8-1 others.

5.05 SCOTT OSWALD AULD LANG SYNE NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,892: 2m 110yd) (9)

1 2431 COL BUCKMORE 8 (D,G) G Richards 6-12-6 (6ex) ... B Harding (7) 90
2 4404 THREE STRONG 38 (F) J Johnson 5-11-9 ... A Dobbin 90
3 36F6 ORD GALLERY 77 T Dyer 5-11-2 ... L Wyer 85
4 4106 FELL WARDEN 166 (S) J Hellens 6-10-11 ... A Larnach (3) 92
5 F600 BACK BEFORE DAWN 30 P Monteith 7-10-8 ... L O'Hara 99
6 00P- WINNINGTONRIG 394 A Whillans 6-10-8 ... M Moloney 84
7 -730 WOLF'S DEN 20 P Spottiswood 5-10-1 ... F Perratt (5) —
8 0000 LUGER 11 W Cunningham 5-10-0 ... N Smith 89
9 -050 TOURAQUE 1 Mrs D Cullen 9-10-0 ... I Jardine (7) —

5-4 Col Buckmore, 3-1 Three Strong, 7-1 Fell Warden, 10-1 Back Before Dawn, Ord Gallery, 14-1 Touraque, Winningtonrig, 20-1 Luger, 25-1 Wolf's Den.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Bailey, 7 winners from 19 runners, 36.8%; M Hammond, 16 from 56, 28.6%; P Monteith, 12 from 66, 18.2%; G Richards, 30 from 166, 18.1%; T Dyer, 3 from 22, 13.6%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: N Williamson, 6 winners from 17 rides, 35.3%; P Niven, 22 from 71, 31.0%; N Doughty, 19 from 87, 21.8%; M Moloney, 7 from 34, 20.6%; L O'Hara, 10 from 55, 18.2%; K Johnson, 6 from 40, 15.0%.

TAUNTON

THUNDERER

5.25 Lord's Final. 5.55 Polk. 6.25 Always Remember. 7.00 Wolver Gold. 7.30 Golden Fare. 8.00 Darzee.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — SIS

5.25 APRIL AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,865: 2m 3f 110yds) (14 runners)

1 1331 DISTANT MEMORY 155 (F,G) P Hobbs 5-11-10 ... J Creighton (7)
2 P800 GIVELTAGO 58 (B) A Tuxell 8-11-0 ... J Rees (7)
3 0360 BATHWICK BOBBIE 2 D Williams 7-10-10 ... Miss S Higgins (7)
4 21P5 CHERYLS PET 58 (BF,G) R Buckler 8-10-10 ... G Baines (7)
5 08-P RACK RATE 67F P Leach 6-10-8 ... Miss L Hocsey (7)
6 P-2P KOBYRUN 94 A Williams 8-10-6 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
7 4F46 WONDERFULL POLLY 23 P Nicholls 6-10-5 ... J Culloty (7)
8 006P FALCONBRIDGE BAY 23 N Henderson 7-10-4 ... C Vigors (7)
9 2-00 ROYAL GLINT 39 H Haynes 5-10-4 ... G Brown (7)
10 48F0 REFERRAL FEE 23 (F) J Mullins 7-10-2 ... S Righton (7)
11 0000 RAGTIME BOY 18 (V) C Barwell 6-10-1 ... B Pollock (7)
12 33-20 LORD'S FINAL 30 C Barwell 7-10-0 ... G Hogan (7)
13 43P0 MAKING TIME 58 G Humphrey 7-10-0 ... R White (7)
14 3RP5 GOLDEN MADJAMBO 20 F Jordan 8-10-0 ... G Shenkin (7)

6-4 Distant Memory, 5-1 Kobyrun, Wonderfull Polly, 10-1 Bathwick Bobbie, Cheryls Pet, Giveltago, 12-1 Ragtime Boy, 16-1 others.

5.55 MOTORWAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,731: 2m 3f 110yd) (16)

1 F212 KALAMOSS 7 (CD,F,S) N Mitchell 5-11-10 ... Miss S Mitchell (7)
2 4214 YAAFOOR 20 (B,S) P Hedger 5-11-5 ... M Richards
3 P0P4 DARINGLY 25 (B) H Manners 5-11-3 ... M Appleby (7)
4 3-0P WAAZA 46 H Manners 5-11-2 ... Mr G Brown
5 6062 MY SISTER LUCY 18 (C,G) Mrs A Knight 4-11-2 ... S Burrough
6 450P SANDRO 18 (B,F,G,S) R Baker 5-11-1 ... Richard Guest
7 60P SECRET FORMULA 18 T Greathead 4-11-1 ... M Sharratt
8 F205 BOHEMIAN QUEEN 14F (B) J Spearing 4-11-0 ... V Slattery
9 054P COOCHIE 99 (B,C,F) R Bales 5-10-13 ... L Harvey
10 0PP4 POLK 140 (S) M Pipe 5-10-12 ... R Dunwoody
11 P16P TAKE A FLYER 57 (G) R Hodges 4-10-7 ... A Tory
12 3450 IS SHE QUICK 16 Mrs P Dutfield 4-10-6 ... N Dawe
13 0540 DANCING DANCER 25 (B) R Frost 5-10-4 ... J Frost
14 F0P5 NYMPH ERRANT 30 S G Knight 4-10-1 ... M A FitzGerald
15 PFP0 FATHER'S JOY 18 B Stevens 4-10-1 ... M Stevens
16 050P IRISH DOMINION 74F P Leach 4-10-0 ... C Maude

2-1 Polk, 5-1 Yaafoor, 13-2 Sandro, 7-1 My Sister Lucy, 8-1 others.

6.25 HUSBANDS CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,752: 2m 110yd) (11)

1 4/SP DEEP DARK DAWN 224 (D,F,G) J Upson 9-12-0 ... R Supple
2 P254 WELSH BARD 8 (D,F,G,S) C Brooks 10-11-12 ... G Bradley
3 3403 SETTER COUNTRY 20 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 10-11-6 R Dunwoody
4 3336 ALAN BALL 28 (CD,F,G,S) Miss S Wilton 8-11-4 M A Fitzgerald
5 -043 MURPHY 100 (D,F,G) S Sherwood 10-10-11 ... M Richards
6 -122 GALAGAMES 30 (D,BF,G,S) R Buckler 7-10-11 ... B Powell
7 6F4P LUCKY AGAIN 20 (CD,G) C Popham 7-10-3 ... S McNeill
8 3F23 ALWAYS REMEMBER 7 (G) P Hobbs 7-10-0 ... C Maude
9 4305 FANATICAL 7 (B,G) R Baker 8-10-0 ... L Harvey
10 0P00 MINT-MASTER 18 (F) B Shaw 9-10-0 ... V Slattery
11 P44U DRAW LOTS 18 P Rodford 10-10-0 ... I Shoemark

7-2 Galagames, 4-1 Welsh Bard, 9-2 Setter Country, 11-2 Murphy, 7-1 others.

7.00 MELODY MAN CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,453: 2m 1f) (16)

1 1/3- KNOCK KNOCK 10F (F) I Balding 9-11-10 ... J Frost
2 1351 CELCIUS 25 (B,C,D,F,G,S) M Pipe 10-11-3 ... R Dunwoody
3 5555 CORRIN HILL 71 (B,D,S) R Hodges 7-11-2 ... A Tory
4 005P SHARRIBA 15 (B,S) G Humphrey 5-11-0 ... B Powell
5 1613 GOLDINGO 13 (CD,BF,S) G Price 7-11-0 ... Guy Lewis (5)
6 6005 PROPAGANDA 28 (B,F) N Henderson 6-10-13 ... M A FitzGerald
7 3251 WOLVER GOLD 7 (CD,F,G) B Palling 7-10-11 (7ex) ... C Maude
8 1-10 MISTER LAWSON 237 (CD,F,G) B Forsey 8-10-10 ... I Shoemark
9 5324 ALOSAILI 43 (CD,F,G) B Stevens 7-10-3 ... M Stevens
10 5122 LUCKY BLUE 18 (S) N Thomson 7-10-2 ... P Carey (7)
11 6-2P LYPH 4F (V,F,G) P Hedger 8-10-0 ... S Fox (5)
12 5-00 ECOSSAIS DANSEUR 9 (B,F) E Buckley 8-10-0 ... R Supple
13 R052 ROUTING 134 N Ayliffe 6-10-0 ... Richard Guest
14 4000 MARIOLINO 16 (C,F,G,S) K Bishop 7-10-0 ... M Moran (7)
15 2435 CELTIC BOB 20 (F,G,S) O O'Neill 14-10-0 ... V Slattery
16 -630 WILL JAMES 37 (B,F,G) C Drew 8-10-0 ... S Curran (5)

3-1 Celcius, 7-2 Propaganda, 5-1 Corrin Hill, Knock Knock, 6-1 others.

7.30 HEMYOCK NOVICES CHASE (£2,710: 3m) (14)

1 1132 OLD BRIG 30 (B,D,G) M Pipe 8-12-0 ... R Dunwoody
2 3231 CASTLE BLUE 39 (CD,S) N Henderson 7-11-8 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 14FP GOLDEN FARE 37 (C,F) R Lee 9-11-8 ... R Greene
4 P265 DEEP IN GREEK 36 D Williams 8-11-2 ... Mr G Hogan (7)
5 543F HOUSE OF ROSES 39 (G) P Nicholls 6-11-2 ... G Bradley
6 06-3 JAY JAY'S VOYAGE 137 Mrs J Scrivens 11-11-2 ... Mr B Pollock (7)
7 U0-P KERRYS EYE 18 P Rodford 10-11-2 ... T Thompson (7)
8 P5-0 LE DENSTAN 34 P Hedger 7-11-2 ... D O'Sullivan
9 5062 LUCAYAN GOLD 148 K Bishop 10-11-2 ... B Powell
10 F34P MELDON 16 (G) Mrs J Retter 7-11-2 ... Richard Guest
11 F545 QUENTIN DURWOOD 18 (B,S) B De Haan 8-11-2 ... S McNeill
12 6406 ROSEN THE BEAU 28 N Gaselee 6-11-2 ... R Supple
13 -2P3 SENEGALAIS 18 (B) R Frost 10-11-2 ... J Frost
14 32UF SERDARLI 20 Miss L Shally 12-10-11 ... L Harvey

5-2 Old Brig, 11-4 Castle Blue, 8-1 Deep In Greek, Rosen The Beau, 10-1 others.

8.00 MARTOCK MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,109: 2m 1f) (14)

1 BLUE FLAG 178F G Thorner 5-11-6 ... J Frost
2 0U0P JHAL FREZI 29 A Barrow 6-11-6 ... B Powell
3 F MENEFORT 18 A Williams 6-11-6 ... Richard Guest
4 0/0-F PIRATE BOY 7 W G M Turner 7-11-6 ... T Murphy (7)
5 50 TELEPHONE 29 N Henderson 5-11-6 ... M A Fitzgerald
6 P0 TIR NA NOG 20 (B) Miss L Shally 5-11-6 ... J Ryan
7 TRUE SERENADE O O'Neill 5-11-6 ... V Slattery
8 2 DARZEE 29 P Hedger 4-11-0 ... M Richards
9 4 DOC COTTRILL 20 N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0 ... T Jenks (3)
10 DONTDRESSFORDINNER 60F D R Tucker 4-11-0 ... S Burrough
11 FLINTLOCK 237F N Henderson 4-11-0 ... R Dunwoody
12 000 NORTHERN SINGER 71 R Hodges 4-11-0 ... A Tory
13 6 LADY MAVIS 18 K Bishop 4-10-9 ... M Moran (7)
14 SPRING SUNRISE 186F B de Haan 4-10-9 ... S McNeill

5-2 Doc Cottrill, 3-1 Flintlock, 7-2 Darzee, 11-2 Telephone, 10-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 53 winners from 191 runners, 27.7%; R Lee, 5 from 22, 22.7%; P Hedger, 3 from 18, 16.7%; N Henderson, 3 from 23, 13.0%; P Hobbs, 9 from 79, 11.4%; R Hodges, 21 from 193, 10.9%.

JOCKEYS: M Richards, 9 winners from 39 rides, 23.1%; D O'Sullivan, 3 from 16, 18.8%; V Slattery, 3 from 19, 15.8%; S Burrough, 10 from 73, 13.7%; M A Fitzgerald, 13 from 97, 13.4%; A Tory, 8 from 73, 11.0%.

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

5.40 Tendresse. 6.10 Dan De Lyon. 6.40 Super Malt. 7.10 Lusty Light. 7.40 Mr Murdock. 8.10 Caipirinha.

Brian Beel: 7.40 Wild Illusion.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT — SIS

5.40 AGA-RAYBURN NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,725: 2m) (18 runners)

1 1P23 CONVOY 18 (B,D,F) C Mann 4-11-10 ... G McCourt
2 126P GILBERT 140 (F) D Carey 6-11-10 ... Lorna Vincent
3 F-P BURFORDS DELIGHT 18 R Dickin 5-10-13 ... D Meredith (3)
4 0243 FORGETFUL 13 D Burchell 5-10-13 ... D J Burchell
5 0-00 SCORPOTINA 18 T Kinsey 5-10-13 ... Gary Lyons
6 P SEEMENOMORE 20 B Preece 5-10-13 ... T Wall
7 4264 TENDRESSE 35 (BF) R Hodges 6-10-13 ... A Maguire
8 00-0 WHAT DO YOU THINK 127 J Bosley 6-10-13 ... M Bosley
9 0 DUKE OF BUDWORTH 256 J Spearing 4-10-12 ... W Marston
10 6 HAWAYMYSON 13 T George 4-10-12 ... D Leahy (5)
11 54 KEDGE 27 W Clay 4-10-12 ... Diane Clay
12 6645 MARSHALL PINDARI 13 T Bill 4-10-12 ... J Railton
13 P METER MAN 9 Mrs D Thomas 4-10-12 ... R Farrant (3)
14 3032 MISSED THE BOAT 28 Miss S Wilton 4-10-12 ... T Eley (3)
15 00 POLY VISION 9 M Tate 4-10-12 ... P McLoughlin (7)
16 0B ROYAL EXECUTIVE 27F K Bridgwater 4-10-12 ... D Bridgwater
17 0 GIRTON BELLE 18 G Jones 4-10-7 ... B Clifford
18 TASSAGH BRIDGE 59F J Payne 4-10-7 ... M Hourigan

7-2 Convoy, 5-1 Forgetful, Missed The Boat, 6-1 Tendresse, 8-1 Kedge, 14-1 Gilbert, 16-1 Marshall Pindari, 20-1 Hawaymyson, 25-1 Duke Of Budworth, What Do You Think, 33-1 others.

6.10 BROMFIELD SAND AND GRAVEL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,525: 2m 4f) (13)

1 -F5U GREENHILL RAFFLES 14 (F,G) P Hobbs 8-11-10 ... Peter Hobbs
2 P21U BOBBY SOCKS 42 (D,F,G,S) R Lee 8-11-9 ... P McLoughlin (7)
3 103P THE MASTER GUNNER 24 (BF,D,G,S) K Bailey 10-11-8 ... R Davis (3)
4 P61R GLEN CHERRY 85 (B,BF,C,D,F,G) T Forster 8-11-7 ... G McCourt
5 21U2 DARE SAY 34 (BF,F,G,S) R Alner 11-11-4 ... W McFarland
6 1210 SHANNON GLEN 37 (B,D,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-3 ... J Osborne
7 6445 FIGHT TO WIN 10 (B,F,G) R Manning 6-10-12 ... G Upton
8 122- ALDINGTON BELL 345 (B,CD,F) C Trietline 11-10-7 ... R Bellamy
9 604P AIR COMMANDER 29 (D,F,G) Mrs P Joynes 9-10-6 ... T Wall
10 4-P4 MASTER SOUTH LAD 38 (F) W Turner 10-10-3 ... R Darke (7)
11 41F2 DAN DE LYON 9 (BF,S) D Nicholson 6-10-3 ... A Maguire
12 2125 MISTER FEATHERS 208 (BF,CD,F,G) J King 13-10-3 ... J R Kavanagh
13 2428 BARTONDALE 161 (D,F,G,S) J Bradley 9-10-0 ... R Farrant (3)

9-4 Dan De Lyon, 6-1 Shannon Glen, 7-1 Glen Cherry, 8-1 Dare Say, Mister Feathers, The Master Gunner, 10-1 Aldington Bell, 12-1 Greenhill Raffles, 14-1 Bobby Socks, 16-1 Fight To Win, 25-1 Bartondale, 33-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Jones, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; D Nicholson, 19 from 78, 24.4%; K Bailey, 11 from 50, 22.0%; S Christian, 6 from 29, 20.7%; Mrs J Pitman, 6 from 34, 17.6%; P Hobbs, 6 from 36, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: Miss P Jones, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; D Gallagher, 5 from 23, 21.7%; D J Burchell, 4 from 19, 21.1%; J Osborne, 7 from 35, 20.0%; Mr J P Durkan, 3 from 15, 20.0%; A Maguire, 7 from 43, 16.3%.

6.40 D J PROFILES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,723: 2m 5f 110yd) (10)

1 03-0 PACTOLUS 37 (F,G,S) S Christian 11-11-10 ... G McCourt
2 31P3 SMITH TOO 16 (CD,F,G) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-4 ... D Bohan (7)
3 4614 KHAZARI 16 (G,S) R Brotherton 6-11-4 ... A Maguire
4 5400 SUPER MALT 42 (C,D,F,G,S) B Meehan 6-10-12 ... M Hourigan
5 5115 TEL E THON 64 (V,BF,F,G) P Jones 7-10-5 ... D Leahy (5)
6 -FF0 MUSIC SCORE 9 (G) Mrs L Taylor 8-10-0 ... P Ward (7)
7 3010 DEMILUNE 16 (BF,D,G) N Twiston-Davies 4-10-0 ... D Bridgwater
8 0360 MOUNTSHANNON 20 (G) C Trietline 8-10-0 ... Peter Caldwell
9 /0/P BATTLEPLAN 18 (G,S) K Bridgwater 9-10-0 Mr A Charles-Jones
10 601P CRAZY HORSE DANCER 20 (G,S) F Jordan 6-10-0 R Farrant (3)

5-4 Smith Too, 4-1 Pactolus, 5-1 Khazari, 6-1 Tel E Thon, 8-1 others.

7.10 RICOH HANDICAP CHASE (£3,850: 3m) (16)

1 14FP LUSTY LIGHT 15 (D,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-10 ... I Lawrence
2 3251 WHATAGALE 17 (D,F,G) O Sherwood 7-11-2 ... J Osborne
3 3445 PRINCE'S COURT 29 (F,G) A Turnell 11-10-13 ... D Fortt (5)
4 -134 VISAGA 109 (F,S) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-11 ... D Bridgwater
5 3532 SANDAIG 7 (D,G) K Bailey 8-10-10 ... D Gallagher
6 -324 HELMAR 226 (G) F Jordan 8-10-5 ... D Byrne
7 3514 SHEARMAC STEEL 10 (G) P Hobbs 7-10-4 ... Peter Hobbs
8 3FP2 BUMPTIOUS BOY 46 (F) A J Wilson 10-10-0 ... B Clifford
9 6P46 POLLERTON'S PRIDE 23 (G,S) W Clay 7-10-0 ... T Eley (3)
10 P3PP DEBT OF HONOR 79 (G) R Lee 6-10-0 ... A Maguire
11 P-R3 MICRONOVA 35 (B) A James 8-10-0 ... R Bellamy
12 P4PR COOMBESBURY LANE 43 (B,F,G) P Jones 8-10-0 D Leahy (5)
13 P5PF NEW PROBLEM 23 R Manning 7-10-0 ... Pat Thompson (7)
14 6U40 VICAR OF BRAY 18 (V) G Balding 7-10-0 ... J R Kavanagh
15 P5F0 PENARTH 9 Mrs N Sharpe 8-10-0 ... W Marston
16 3F8U COZZI 41 (V) J Bradley 6-10-0 ... R Farrant (3)

7-2 Sandaig, 9-2 Whatagale, 8-1 Lusty Light, Prince's Court, 10-1 others.

7.40 LUDLOW RACECOURSE BOOKMAKERS HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,725: 3m) (11)

1 4P42 KNOCKUMSHIN 7 (CD,F,G,S) S J Smith 11-12-5 ... T Byrne (5)
2 12F3 MR MURDOCK 7 (BF,D,F,G,S) R Alner 9-12-5 ... T Mitchell (5)
3 -U20 RANDOM PLACE 7 (CD,G,S) Mrs R Pocock 12-12-5 I Pocock (7)
4 0-11 SAMS HERITAGE 17P (G,S) P Warner 10-12-5 ... J Pritchard (7)
5 -23U SONOFAGIPSY 14 (F,G) J Dolosse 10-12-5 ... M Felton (5)
6 5442 SPORTING MARINER 10 (D,F,G,S) D Bloor 12-12-5 D Bloor (7)
7 F211 WILD ILLUSION 16 (CD,F,G,S) Mrs J Pidgeon 10-12-5 ... J Trice-Rolph (7)
8 4452 PADDY'S POND 13P (F) N Reece 16-11-12 ... M Jackson (7)
9 PP5/ SAFFRON LORD 714 (F,G,S) M Ryan 12-11-12 ... J Durkan
10 4F0- SPIN THE COIN 326 N Marmons 8-11-12 ... W McLaughlin (7)
11 550- MENDON ROSE 349P S Jones 13-11-7 ... B Norris (7)

□ Form figures include point-to-points

5-4 Wild Illusion, 7-2 Knockumshin, 5-1 Mr Murdock, Sams Heritage, 12-1 Sonofagipsy, 14-1 Random Place, 20-1 Sporting Mariner, 50-1 others.

8.10 IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,725: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

1 1P22 NAZZARO 18 (S) W Turner 5-11-9 ... R Darke (7)
2 -500 ACHIEVED AMBITION 28 M Saunders 6-11-2 ... W McFarland
3 05P6 ALIAS SILVER 28 J Allen 7-11-2 ... Gary Lyons
4 -204 KONVEKTA CONTROL 41 (B,BF) O Sherwood 7-11-2 J Osborne
5 8-PP LLES LE BUCFLOW 39 F Jordan 6-11-2 ... R Farrant (3)
6 P-P0 MASTER FRITH 79 K Bridgwater 6-11-2 ... W Humphreys
7 0646 MUCH 26 Mrs A Price 7-11-2 ... Mr M Jackson
8 -02F APRIL'S MODEL LADY 23 A J Wilson 8-10-11 ... B Clifford
9 BLAKENEY BLUE 18P R Phillips 7-10-11 ... J Railton
10 0F0B CAIPIRINHA 31 S Christian 6-10-11 ... G Upton
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Swan on outsider

CHARLIE Swan, the Irish champion jockey, has been booked for the ride on Whitbread Gold Cup outsider Ushers Island at Sandown Park tomorrow. The Howard Johnson-trained gelding is a 20-1 chance for the last big race of the National Hunt season.

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Neill finds good sport in welcome call to the bar

Terry Neill says "all I ever wanted out of life was everything". The lad did all right. Began his career playing football for Bangor in Co. Down, was transferred to Arsenal for the then record fee of £2,500 and remained with the Gunners for 11 years, captaining Northern Ireland; he was loyal, decent, sober, respected by all.

From 1970 to 1974, he managed Hull City and his country, and spent two years at Tottenham Hotspur before returning to Highbury as overlord.

"If you sack me," he told the then chairman, the late Denis Hill-Wood, "please would you do it in early December so that I can spend Christmas with my family." He was, by Hill-Wood's son, Peter, in December 1983.

Still wanting everything out of life, he wrote a book, *Revelations of a Football Manager* — the text was not appreciably snappier than the title. He appeared on television as a guru, a back-room boy, analyst of big games, scene-setter at internationals and was a delegate at up-market football conferences and an occasional columnist.

Two years ago, it was announced that he had been appointed Bahrain's national coach. The deal was the customary one — house with a pool, first-class travel, a tax-free zillion a year and camels for his children.

"When I was about to leave, they screwed me; being the good Ulsterman I am I screwed them back ... but in the end we made up, shook hands." He grins, flashes the Rolex watch on his wrist and offers me a pint of Guinness for he is now the proprietor of Terry Neill's Sports Bar and Brasserie at 53 Holborn Viaduct, London WC1.

I have always enjoyed discovering how things began. In my youth, the label on Bassett's all-sorts was my favourite reading: "One day Mr Bassett, a fastidiously neat Yorkshire sweet-shop owner, served one child a twist of liquorice, another an ounce of desiccated coconut. Seeing the two specks of sweetmeat on his pristine counter he wetted his forefinger, picked up the two morsels and popped them into his mouth. Delicious, he said and built a factory."

Then there was the story on Brand's A1 Sauce. "Brand, master chef to George III was always searching for new ways to tickle the royal palate. One day he prepared a sauce of rare excellence. Brand, said the king, this sauce is A1, and so it has remained to this day" — a story that seems to me to pose more questions than it answers: was the king eating in the kitchen? How sane was George III at the time?



FREUD ON FRIDAY

To return to Holborn Viaduct. Neill, ex-footballer, businessman, consultant and international committee member, was in New York and went to Mickey Mantle's sports bar on 59th Street, where the greats of the world meet their erstwhile fans. He thought: "What we need is one of these sports bars in London prior to having many of them around the country and in Europe."

A mixture of charm, flair, determination, a loyal industrious wife and two tall, university-trained daughters were a help to bring about the opening some months ago.

Today, a dozen TV screens beaming Sky Sports, Eurosport and such terrestrial channels as carry programmes to arrest the attention of sports-lovers adorn the walls.

The showcases replete with memorabilia: Drake's football boot (Ted or Sir Francis?); a transatlantic icon's baseball glove; the ball used in the FA Cup final of 1907; a hockey stick with a history. Henry Cooper's gum shield. Dorothy Paget's racing colours. And then there are pictures of football teams in which you can guess the year by examining the haircuts and the lengths of players' trousers. Also posters, scorecards, trophies.

The bar is nicely tenanted with the sort of people one needs to make a success of such an enterprise: men who have about them an athletic air and stomachs recently extended to accommodate good ale. Women who are knowledgeable about rugby football. Elders who like to talk about how it was.

It is a comfortable place in which to sit and drink and wonder whether the people eating smoked salmon at a corner table are P. G. H. Fender, Tom Finney and Prince Obolensky; the pair behind the Laurent Perrier bottle, Eva Gabor and Tom Graveney. I certainly identified Richard Dunwoody and Steve Smith Eccles and passed George Best on the way out.

Downstairs there is a dining room featuring such well-loved dishes as soup of the day and rack of lamb with herbs. I ate poached salmon with handsomely prepared Hollandaise sauce and the veal *cordon bleu* eaten by the man across the table looked succulent. For the record, avoid the *crème brulée*.

Neill was absolutely right. Time we had sports bars in Britain. His is the perfect place for those whose wives get peeved about being unable to watch Melvyn Bragg — because we have the Test match on one TV set and football on the other.

What is more, at Neill's bar there are good folk with whom to discuss the action ... something many of us miss in the bosoms of our families.

Move by Jones may provide clue to future of global game



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

This week, Scott Gibbs, the brilliant Wales centre, moved northwards to St Helens in Lancashire. Next week, Robert Jones, the 47 times capped Wales scrum half, moves south to western province, South Africa. The opportunity to travel, if you asked the amateur rugby player, has always been one of the fascinations of his sport.

Some itineraries and venues, admittedly, are more agreeable and viewed with greater popularity than others. Gibbs leaves to play rugby league with acrimony ringing in his ears after the "shoddy" way his club felt it had been treated and has been told not to darken Swansea's doors again, while Jones departs with good wishes to play in the Currie Cup. He will be back, if all goes well, in September.

Yet how long will such differences in attitude remain? Jones's example may hint at the future. Rugby league has always had the potential to destabilise the union code, especially in Wales, Australia and, more recently, New Zealand by attracting its more able players, but, with all the talk about amateur rugby union becoming "open", might not the potential to destabilise the union code come from within.

In this case, each club, province — indeed each country — might compete to entice the best players with lucrative offers. Once that happens, rugby league will be old hat. There will be other more exotic places than Lancashire wielding the cheque book. There will be tall English locks in Japan, canny Irish stand-off halves in France, Australian centres in South Africa and so on. Perhaps this is the freedom players seek.

"They [rugby union] can't compete," Gibbs said, thinking about the money, after Swansea had gone to great lengths to secure him a job with a computer firm and so provide a structure to his career. It was not enough. But how long will it be before rugby union will be able to compete?

Gibbs's approach should come as no surprise. Talk to any club manager and he will admit that good manners is the last thing you should expect from the players. Spondulicks is the name of the game; wheeling and dealing for the extra few quid. Has the club got it? If so, is it more than what the club down the road is offering? The trading and the bartering goes on shamelessly. No loyalty. No contract. No regulations of a binding nature.

It is in this climate that Gibbs has operated. As a talented player with all the credentials, he was in a strong position and in demand. He called the tune. He moved from Neath to Swansea. He is now with St Helens. But he cannot move from there for the simple reason that he has a contract to honour and obey. His name is on the dotted line. The club owns him. No such contracts exist in rugby union.

Robert Jones is going to South Africa until September because, as he says, it is something he has always wanted to do: "I've spent all my life in and around Swansea and I've wondered about playing elsewhere, in Italy perhaps or Australia," he said, "but I've been to South Africa twice and I see it as a new challenge." He will be a rugby development officer in the province.

During the first two months of his time there, Wales have a full programme of fixtures. Jones, with the agreement of Western Province, will be available for the World Cup prequalifying matches in Portugal and Spain, but not for the summer tour to Canada and the South Pacific, which coincides with a critical period of South Africa's Currie Cup.



Gibbs: contract

Yet if he was a professional rugby player in an open game, what would his position be? In a changed environment and with a possibility of a lucrative long-term contract, would he want to play in and for Wales? Depending on the offers, the future player could travel the globe playing rugby 12 months of the year and not appear in his own country at all.

Recently, the International Rugby Football Board announced it was setting up a working party under its chairman, Vernon Pugh QC, to consider the present and future problems regarding amateurism. It will attempt to determine what future course rugby should take.

This is a monumental task. The conclusions in 1995 could change the face of rugby union as much as the formation of rugby league did in 1895. Thus, 100 years later, looking into rugby's future, both league and union, is still hazardous.

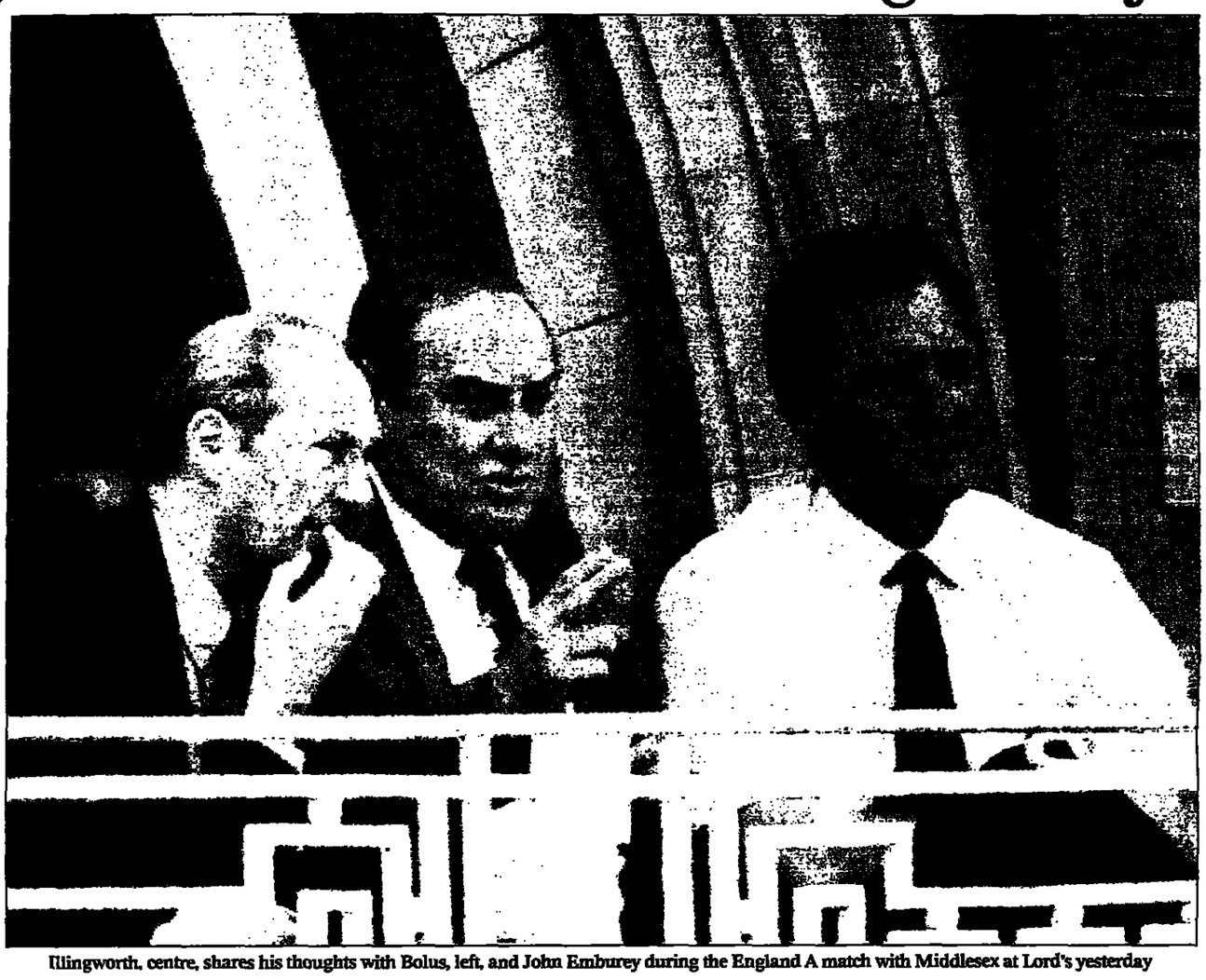
Illingworth addresses bowling frailty

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

LORD'S (first day of four: Middlesex won toss): England A have scored 268 for seven wickets against Middlesex

NORMAN Mailer once ran for Mayor of New York City under the slogan: "No more bullshit." Ray Illingworth's first state of the union address as chairman of the selectors carried the same implications. Such candour from the man responsible for picking the Test team is unique, and bully for him.

His message will reverberate through the England dressing-room. At least four players — Hick, Ramprakash, Russell and Lewis — will be looking over their shoulders. Robin Smith must find a very good reason for not batting at No 3 and, in a thinly-veiled reference to the dozy and indolent, players must pay attention to their captain at all times in the field.



Illingworth, centre, shares his thoughts with Bolus, left, and John Emburey during the England A match with Middlesex at Lord's yesterday

Illingworth meets his fellow selectors, Brian Bolus and Fred Titmus, today and will discuss the West Indies tour with Keith Fletcher, the team manager, at Lord's tomorrow. In the coming weeks they will assess the form of 50 players Illingworth has drawn up on his provisional list.

The thrust of those discussions will be how to bowl sides out twice. "We've been scared of opponents in recent years," Illingworth said. "We must dismiss teams for 300 or 350, which means playing a stronger bowling side." Accordingly, the balance of the side will be reviewed.

Michael Atherton's position as leader is secure. "He has a good cricket brain and we want to give him every opportunity to use it but he hasn't captained the side that much." Illingworth defended his own right of final selection by referring to the Australian method of giving the captain the team. "Sometimes it is easier for him if he does not have a 100 per cent say in who is in it."

Illingworth confirmed that, without impinging on Fletcher's territory, he will speak individually to players about what is expected of them. Russell's indifferent form, Hick's faulty method against the short ball and Lewis's all-round awkwardness may not survive a first hearing. Ramprakash's inability to translate promising starts into big scores has not helped his cause.

Recalling the problems that Dennis Amiss and Fletcher himself had in establishing their places in the Test side, Illingworth assured young players it was "not a case of 'one innings and you're out'. There are a lot of goodish young players but there is a genuine problem in finding bowlers of the suitable standard."

He did not see much to assist his selection process yesterday. England A, invited to bat by Mike Gatting on a green pitch which offered the seam bowlers much assistance, struggled on the first day of the traditional curtain-raiser. Neither John Crawley nor Allan Wells made the sort of score in line with their ambitions. Crawley hit his third ball for six but then went 11 overs without adding to it before he was leg-before to Neil Williams; Wells was well caught at slip by Gatting for 16.

Although Darren Bicknell made 80 the happiest man was Kevin Shine who took three wickets, including Bicknell's, on his first appearance for Middlesex. In truth, it was an unmemorable day's play.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND A: First Innings

D J Bicknell lbw b Shine	80
J P Crawley lbw b Williams	6
A Dale b Williams	35
*A P Wells c Gatting b Feltham	16
M B Loye c Gatting b Taylor	8
†S J Rhodes b Shine	46
R D B Croft c Radford b Weekes	31
M P Bicknell not out	21
M C Ilott not out	9
Extras (lb 14, nb 4)	18
Total (7 wkts)	268

P M Such and M J McCague to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-94, 3-120, 4-158, 5-157, 6-224, 7-244.

BOWLING: Shine 19-5-58-2, Williams 21-8-48-2, Weekes 19-8-27-1; Feltham 19-4-52-1, Taylor 20-5-69-1.

MIDDLESEX: M A Roseberry, J C Pooley, *M W Gatting, J D Carr, P N Weekes, †K R Brown, T A Radford, M A Feltham, N F Williams, C W Taylor, K J Shine.

Umpires: J C Balderstone and G Sharp

Glamorgan doubt Gibson

BY SIMON WILDE

THE PARKS (second day of three): Oxford University, with one first-innings wicket in hand, are 98 runs behind Glamorgan

GLAMORGAN must be wondering what they have got in Ottis Gibson. They signed the Barbadian as their overseas player, in succession to Vivian Richards, in the belief that he would sharpen their new ball attack sufficiently to put them in contention for their first championship for 25 years. If he also provided some useful runs down the order, so much the better. After the past couple of days, they cannot be so sure.

First, on Wednesday, he felt it unnecessary to play himself in, made an injudicious hoick to his second ball and was out for nought. Yesterday, in the half hour after lunch, he indulged in a piece of bowling of which he ought to be ashamed.

It was clear the Glamorgan bowlers had been given a stern lecture during the interval. The Oxford openers, Montgomerie and Macmillan, had spent the morning gathering 98 untroubled runs, easily their side's highest partnership of the season and one which they were soon to translate into the university's first opening century stand against a county since 1988.

Gibson and Thomas resumed at a noticeably livelier pace but Macmillan, who found himself facing Gibson, was growing in confidence and in no mood to be cowed. He started to go down the pitch to the West Indian and once sliced him over the slips for four. Gibson was not happy.

He started to pitch short and bowl from wide of the crease, angling the ball into Macmillan's body. The more he dropped short, the more he no-balled and the more Macmillan stepped back and carved.

Words were exchanged and Gibson resorted to going round the wicket to minimise Macmillan escape. It was easy to think that this was Sabina Park rather than The Parks.

Wisely, Metson withdrew Gibson from the attack after Macmillan had flashed again and been caught at second slip off a no-ball. Soon after, Gibson went off with a groin strain, not to be seen again, but, perhaps, what hurt him more was that his replacement at the pavilion end, Lefebvre, removed the object of his wrath in his first over and Gupte two balls later.

Oxford never quite recovered, especially once Montgomerie fell for 80 after almost four hours at the crease. Never mind Ottis. Your next match is against Warwickshire next Thursday when you will have some Test-class batsmen to bowl to, Brian Lara, who will make his debut in the county championship, for one.

Warwickshire have received clearance for the Trinidadian to play in the opening game at Edgbaston after being released from a commitment to appear in a six-a-side tournament in India.

SCOREBOARD

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James st Townsend b Macmillan	150
P A Cottey st Townsend b Hollins	109
D L Hemp c Townsend b Hollins	51
A J Dalton not out	21
C D Gibson c Macmillan b Hollins	0
G P Butcher c Townsend b Ecclestone	6
M P Lefebvre not out	4
Extras (b1, lb6, w6, nb 2)	15
Total (5 wkts dec)	355

*†C P Metson, S D Thomas, S Bastien and S R Barwick did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-197, 2-322, 3-322, 4-322, 5-345

BOWLING: Ecclestone 25-6-61-1, Maclay 22-6-48-0, Hollins 28-3-105-3, Martin 17-1-58-0, Montgomerie 3-0-18-0; Macmillan 13-3-58-1

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

*R R Montgomerie c Dalton b Barwick	80
G I Macmillan c Barwick b Lefebvre	50
C M Gupte c Metson b Lefebvre	0
A C Rigby lbw b Lefebvre	6
W S Kendall c Metson b Butcher	26
S C Ecclestone c Lefebvre b Butcher	28
I J Sutcliffe c Dalton b Barwick	1
N F C Mann c Metson b Thomas	12
C J Hollins c Metson b Thomas	19
†C J Townsend not out	7
A W Maclay not out	8
Extras (lb 11, w 2, nb 10)	23
Total (9 wkts)	257

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-126, 2-126, 3-149, 4-167, 5-198, 6-205, 7-215, 8-234, 9-247

BOWLING: Gibson 9-0-31-0; Bastien 19-9-27-0; Thomas 21-2-80-2, Lefebvre 23-5-48-3, Barwick 22-12-24-2; Butcher 7-0-36-2

Umpires: J W Holder and M J Kitchen.

Kent enjoy easy practice

BY IVO TENNANT

FENNER'S (second day of three): Kent, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, lead Cambridge University by 426 runs

EVEN for a Man of Kent, there was scant pleasure to be derived from seeing Cambridge University outplayed to the extent that they were yesterday. Dismissed for 84, they were spared having to follow on for reasons that had everything to do with Kent desiring further batting practice. It was just as well.

Kent did much as they pleased for most of the day. It is axiomatic to say that Cambridge are lacking in talent. Although Cake, a century-maker against the Australians last year, will be taken on by Surrey in July, Cambridge can hardly be expected to come up with another Atherton or Crawley just yet.

In the morning, Cowdrey was given all the time he wanted in his first innings of the season and in the evening Benson opted not to enforce the follow on so as to give himself a bat. In between, his bowlers had Cambridge out in a trice.

Blame not the students but those admissions tutors who care not a jot about sport. It is hard to know where Cambridge are going to get their runs from if, as here, Cake is out to the first ball he receives.

Inexperience can of course be countered. For instance, Ratledge will not again look for a third run when the fielder (Llong in this case) is picking up the ball.

Spinners, even those who obtain only a modicum of help at Fenner's, are another matter. Patel, who has succeeded Davis as Kent's left-arm spinner, took the wickets of five Cambridge batsmen who had no idea how to play him. He gains greater drift through the air than his predecessor, who was always blighted by having to follow in the footsteps of Derek Underwood.

Of his five wickets, Ward held a smart catch at silly point and Patel himself took one off a firm drive by Hodgson. There were one or two attempts to get after him, notably by Hodgson, but there was also a great deal of thrusting the left leg forward in hopeful defence — and this in the week when Sir Gary Sobers has been encouraging batsmen to use their bats, not their pads.

Headley, who looked a yard quicker than last season, also took wickets. He needs to do so, since, this season, competition for places in Kent's side is keener than it has been for many a year. Cambridge did manage to remove Benson and two other batsmen relatively cheaply, but the task ahead of them is an unenviable one.

SCOREBOARD

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton hit wkt b Hodgson	109
T R Ward b Hasta	66
N J Llong c Bashforth b Pitcher	21
N R Taylor b Pitcher	129
G R Cowdrey c Cooke b Pitcher	41
M V Fleming not out	26
M A Ealham not out	13
Extras (b 5, lb 12, w 2, nb 2)	21
Total (5 wkts dec)	446

*M R Benson, D W Headley, †S A Marsh and M M Patel did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-144, 2-183, 3-260, 4-387, 5-412

BOWLING: Pitcher 36-6-123-3; Hasta 24-3-112-1; Whitsall 31-8-94-0; Bashforth 12-5-48-0, Hodgson 24-11-52-1.

Second Innings

S A Marsh c Carroll b Pitcher	18
M R Benson b Pitcher	13
G R Cowdray b Whitsall	3
M V Fleming not out	16
D W Headley not out	8
Extras (lb 6, nb 2)	8
Total (3 wkts)	64

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-39, 3-39.

BOWLING: Pitcher 10-1-20-2; Whitsall 12-3-19-1; Hasta 3-0-19-0

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

G W Jones c Marsh b Llong	5
R Q Cake lbw b Headley	0
J Ratledge run out	4
J S Hodgson c and b Patel	16
J P Carroll c Benson b Patel	19
R D Mann c Ward b Headley	17
N J Hasta c Ward b Patel	10
C M Pitcher c Cowdrey b Patel	6
*A R Whitsall c Headley b Patel	3
†F J Cooke not out	0
M C Bashforth b Headley	0
Extras (b 1, lb 3)	4
Total	84

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-10, 3-11, 4-47, 5-48, 6-66, 7-78, 8-84, 9-84.

BOWLING: Headley 11-5-10-3; Ealham 9-4-16-0; Fleming 8-5-6-0; Llong 9-3-13-1, Patel 21-7-33-5.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and M K Reed.

Appleyard loses out on Wales tour berth

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

AT mid-morning yesterday, Robert Appleyard, the 21-year-old Swansea flanker, was the surprise selection in Wales's rugby union party to tour Canada and the South Seas in June. Two hours later, he was out, unable to defer his induction into the Dyfed Powis police force, as he had hoped, until September.

However, the Wales selectors are unlikely to replace him and will travel for their five-match tour (four full internationals) with 28 players, of whom 25 will also be involved next month in the World Cup-qualifying visit to Portugal and Spain.

The absence of Robert Jones gives selectors the opportunity to take Paul John, the uncapped Pontypridd scrum half, on tour. There is, however, a doubt over the availability for the South Seas of Anthony Clement, the Swansea full back. Ian Buckett, the Swansea and Wales A prop, is a new addition, and joins Robin McBryde, Hemi Taylor, Ian Jones and John as uncapped players.

"There is a danger we could go into these [World Cup-qualifying] games in a complacent fashion," Alan Davies, the Welsh coach, warned. "[But] they are the two most important games we will play this year." Success in Iberia will ensure qualification for the World Cup in South Africa next year.

Meanwhile, the Rugby World Cup directors have approved a programme of free entry to the tournament for youngsters under-16, within a defined range of each pool venue, as a development aid. Broadly speaking, the top ticket prices will range from £8 (for the least popular games) to £40 (for the World Cup final at Ellis Park).

WALES WORLD CUP SQUAD: Backs: A Clement (Swansea), M Rayer (Cardiff), I Evans (Llanelli), W Proctor (Llanelli), N Walker (Cardiff), N Boobyer (Llanelli), N Davies (Llanelli), M Hall (Cardiff), A Davies (Cardiff), N Jenkins (Pontypridd), R Jones (Swansea), R Moon (Llanelli). Forwards: I Buckett (Swansea), J Davies (Neath), R Evans (Llanelli), H Williams-Jones (Llanelli), G Jenkins (Swansea), R McBryde (Swansea), P Arnold (Swansea), A Copsey (Llanelli), P Davies (Llanelli), G Llewellyn (Neath), E Lewis (Llanelli), M Perego (Llanelli), S Quinnell (Llanelli), H Taylor (Cardiff).

TOUR: Squad: as above with the exception of R Jones and with the addition to the backs of I W Jones (Llanelli) and P John (Pontypridd) and to the forwards of S Davies (Swansea). Itinerary: May 17 v Portugal (Lisbon), 21 v Spain (Madrid), June 8 v Canada A (Burlington), 11 v Tonga (Nukualofa), 25 v Western Samoa (Apia).

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7.00 BBC Breakfast News (22890498)
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10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9104396) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (s) (6446984)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (22742829)
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1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (13754)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (69292087) **1.50 The Travel Quiz** (s) (51632735)
2.20 The Flying Doctors. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback. (Ceefax) (s) (4229071) **3.05 Greenfingers.** Gerry Daly explores a spring garden in Gorey, co. Wexford (s) (7565241)
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5.00 Newsround (6415223) **5.10 A Likely Lad.** Episode three of the six-part children's drama (r). (Ceefax) (1596716)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (229990). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (209)
6.30 Regional news magazines (261). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Secret Service. Dylan Winter travels on the London Underground and confronts the management with video evidence of their shortcomings (s) (5209)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes the first of two behind-the-scenes reports from the Natural History Museum. (Ceefax) (s) (445)
8.00 Open All Hours. Corner shop comedy starring Ronnie Barker and David Jason (r). (Ceefax) (1629)

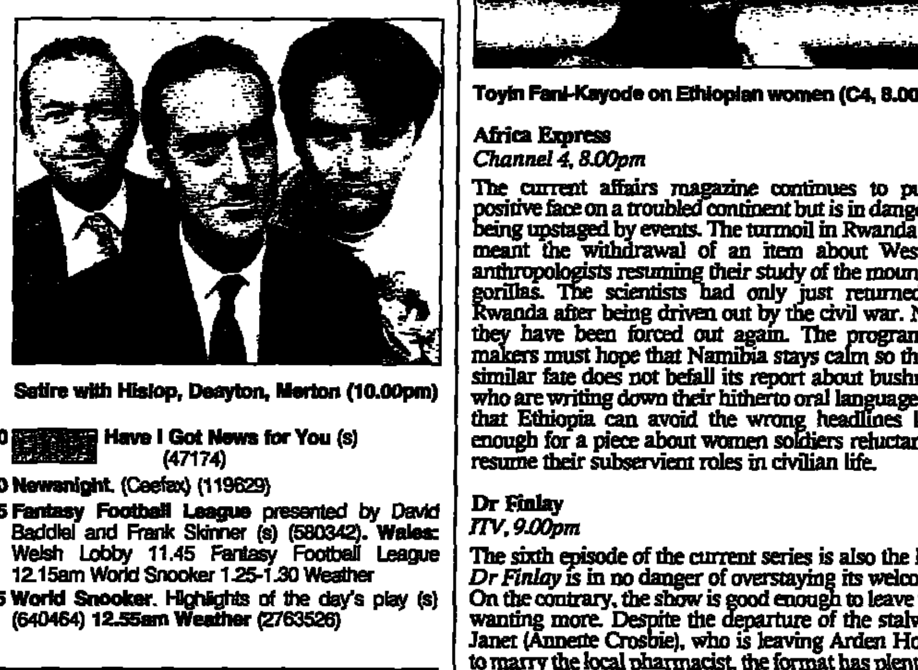


Rodgers, Dunlop in age-gap comedy (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **May to December.** (Ceefax) (s) (3484)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (6532)
9.30 999. Michael Buerk introduces another collection of re-enactments of cases involving Britain's emergency services. (Ceefax) (s) (297071)
10.20 FILM: Poltergeist (1982) starring Craig T. Nelson and JoBeth Williams. Chiller about a family who unwittingly buy a house that is built on a sacred Indian burial site. Directed by Tobe Hooper. (Ceefax) (882754). **Wales:** Last days of Fforchwen 10.50 Film: Poltergeist 12.40am-2.20 Film: A New Leaf
12.10am FILM: That Riviera Touch (1966) starring Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise. Comedy in which the hapless couple, while holidaying on the French Riviera, become involved with two gangs of feuding jewel thieves. Directed by Cliff Owen (339217) **1.45 Weather** (7157675)

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6.20 Open University: Gallium Arsenide Pulled from Obscurity (9379396) **6.45** Animal Physiology: Breathing Deeply (3067613) **7.10** Culture and Belief in Europe 1450-1600 (8182025) **7.35** *Antony and Cleopatra:* A Workshop (5278025)
8.00 Breakfast News (4013803)
8.15 Westminster Daily (2317174)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children,) **1.20** Mr Benn (54149087) **1.35-1.40** Philbert the Frog (49299984)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Words and Pictures** (14729938) **2.15 Open View** (r) (99588984) **2.20 A Week to Remember** (b/w). Archive Pathé newsclips from 40 years ago this week (r) (99672377) **2.30 Dilemmas.** Jenni Murray looks at another troubled relationship and asks what can be done to put it right (s) (822)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **World Snooker.** David Vine introduces action from the second round of the Embassy world professional championship (s). Includes **News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather at **3.50** (436280)
6.00 Captain Scarlet and the Mysterons. Classic puppet adventures. (Ceefax) (570377)
6.25 The Man from UNCLE. Lighthearted secret agent series starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum. (Ceefax) (371464)
7.15 Delia Smith's Summer Collection. Recipes for home-made ice cream (r). (Ceefax) (s) (302006)
7.45 What the Papers Say presented by Peter Bradshaw of the London *Evening Standard* (640280)
8.00 Public Eye: What's Up Doc? John McGhie reports on how general practitioners across the country are under stress through extra work caused by NHS reforms. (Ceefax) (9071)
8.30 Gardeners' World. Geoff Hamilton visits a Himalayan plant hunter in Slough; Nick Wray looks for magnolias in Wales; and Liz Rigbey explores gardens on Sark. (Ceefax) (s) (1006)
9.00 World Snooker. More second round action from the Crucible, Sheffield, introduced by David Vine (s) (4667)



Satire with Hislop, Deayton, Merton (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **Have I Got News for You** (s) (47174)
10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (119629)
11.15 Fantasy Football League presented by David Baddiel and Frank Skinner (s) (580342). **Wales:** Welsh Lobby 11.45 Fantasy Football League 12.15am World Snooker 1.25-1.30 Weather
11.45 World Snooker. Highlights of the day's play (s) (640464) **12.55am Weather** (2763526)

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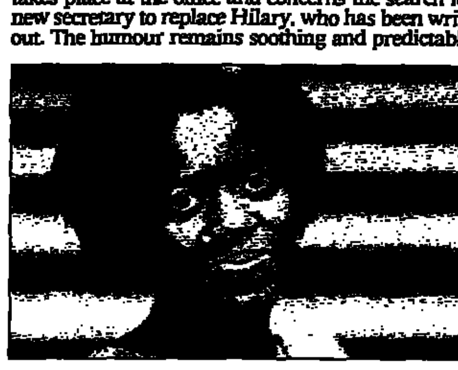
CHOICE

Have I Got News For You
BBC2, 10.00pm

Angus Deayton brushes up his John Cleese impersonation, Paul Merton raids his wardrobe of grotty T-shirts and Ian Hislop resigns himself to losing. We are back with another series of the irreverent news quiz. As long as Merton distinguishes between wit and smut it will be one of the funniest things on the box. Tonight's guests are Jonathan Ross and the comedian Eddie Izzard. But you do not have to believe it. Fans of the programme will remember when Roy Hattersley failed to turn up and was replaced by a tub of lard. The tub, moreover, finished on the winning side. Among those pencilled in for future shows are Alan Clark and the alternative comedian's alternative, Bob Monkhouse.

May to December
BBC1, 8.30pm

A dog runs off with a convoy of supermarket trolleys and causes a pile-up involving 11 cars, a bus and a milk float. But this being a gentle sitcom, and they do not come much blander than *May to December*, there are no casualties. Moreover you can be sure that the dog joke will be milked further before the episode is out. Followers of the last series will remember that the ageing Pinner solicitor and Perry Mason fan (Anton Rodgers) has become a father again. Much of the action tonight concerns his attempts to stop his young wife (Lesley Dunlop) going back to work. The sub-plot takes place at the office and concerns the search for a new secretary to replace Hilary, who has been written out. The humour remains soothing and predictable.



Toyin Fani-Kayode on Ethiopian women (C4, 8.00pm)

Africa Express
Channel 4, 8.00pm

The current affairs magazine continues to put a positive face on a troubled continent but is in danger of being upstaged by events. The turmoil in Rwanda has meant the withdrawal of an item about Western anthropologists resuming their study of the mountain gorillas. The scientists had only just returned to Rwanda after being driven out by the civil war. Now they have been forced out again. The programme makers must hope that Namibia stays calm so that a similar fate does not befall its report about bushmen who are writing down their hitherto oral language. Or that Ethiopia can avoid the wrong headlines long enough for a piece about women soldiers reluctant to resume their subservient roles in civilian life.

Dr Finlay
ITV, 9.00pm

The sixth episode of the current series is also the last. *Dr Finlay* is in no danger of overstaying its welcome. On the contrary, the show is good enough to leave you wanting more. Despite the departure of the stalwart Janet (Annette Crosbie), who is leaving Arden House to marry the local pharmacist, the format has plenty of life in it yet. The wedding preparations figure prominently tonight, along with the usual quota of medical alarms and excursions. *Dr Finlay* is a confident series, impeccably cast and intelligently written. If the storylines tend to be on the dark side, this is offset by the reassuring decency of the three bachelor medics, engagingly played by Ian Bannen, David Rintoul and Jason Flemyng. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON/LWT

6.00 GMTV (5125613)
9.25 Cross Wits. Game show (2685174) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8528532)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (7303464)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (22769396) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3809700)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (7966280)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (7878071) **1.25 Home and Away.** (Teletext) (73926629)
1.55 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice meets gynaecologist Dr Carolyn Prince who has high hopes of a country and western singing career (s) (51626174) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (66226822) **2.50 Take the High Road.** Soap set in the Highlands (4438377)
3.20 ITN News headlines (3924938) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3923209)
3.30 The Magic House (6464087) **3.45 Cartoons.** Triple bill (6389342) **4.00 Toucan Tecs** (r) (s) (8475629) **4.15 Hulk Hogan** (r) (4777358) **4.40 Chris Cross.** (Teletext) (s) (5424193)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1686193)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (584464)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (99025). Followed by **Crime Monthly Preview**
7.00 Bruce Forsyth's Play Your Cards Right. Cards or cash at the turn of a card game show (s) (5367)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (613)
8.00 The Bill: Bodyguard of Lies. WPC Ackland investigates a series of muggings after arresting a male shoplifter who had been a victim. Starring Trudi Goodwin. (Teletext) (9025)
8.30 Time after Time. Comedy series starring Brian Conley as a former prison inmate determined to go straight. (Teletext) (s) (8532)



Gordon Reid and Annette Crosbie (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Doctor Finlay.** (Teletext) (s) (1193)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (61700)
10.30 Crime Monthly. Fiona Foster looks at crime in the London area (80782)
11.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (190464)
11.40 In Bed with Medinner. Comedy presented by Bob Mills. Music is provided by Gary Numan (s) (725464)
12.40am Whale On. James Whale hosts the music and discussion show. Guests include the Irish rock band, the Government (4939217)
1.35 ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (3606385)
2.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. American releases reviewed by Richard Blade (21052)
3.00 TXT. Music and celebrity chat show presented by Rhona Cameron (43588)
4.00 Noisy Mothers. Rock and heavy metal music magazine (86781)
5.00 Sportsworld (30120)
5.30 ITN Morning News (15976). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Star Street (r) (3141629)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (38367)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Quiz show with Bill Cosby (r) (s) (51377)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! Benin: An African Kingdom (9606358) **9.45** Stop, Look and Listen (2076754) **10.02** Project it (2371551) **10.18** Solution: Science (2367358) **10.40** Off Limits: Talkback (8591551) **11.01** Canan Na Cloinne Bige **11 22** Stage One. Making Things Move (7127990) **11.40** Geography Today: The Sunshine Miners (4516087)
12.00 House To House. Political analysis and interviews. With Maya Even (68613)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series. The guest is singer Waylon Jennings (r) (28754) **1.30 Take 5.** Cartoons (r) (88919)
2.00 Food File. Includes a look into whether pets are too fat. Plus a Mexican stew recipe with chicken, nuts and chocolate (r). (Teletext) (s) (7803)
2.30 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown. Derek Thompson introduces live coverage of the Forte Stakes (2.35), the Ring and Brymer Stakes (3.05), the Gardner Merchant Mile (3.40) and the Town and Country Catering Handicap Stakes (4.10) (59087)
4.30 Fifteen To One. Fast-moving quiz with William G. Stewart (Teletext) (s) (754)
5.00 Champions: Speedway Stars (r) (Teletext) (s) (1590)
6.00 Blossom. Part two of Blossom's 1950s beach adventure dream. (Teletext) (s) (919)
6.30 Happy Days. Fonz is stunned to meet a brother he never knew he had. (Teletext) (241)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (747803)
7.50 You Don't Know Me But . . . One celebrity gives another some unsolicited advice (s) (821613)
8.00 CHOICE **Africa Express.** (Teletext) (7667)



Decision time for Gabrielle Glaister (8.30pm)

8.30 Brookside. More from the Merseyside cul-de-sac. Patricia faces another dilemma. (Teletext) (s) (6174)
9.00 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Matthew Biggs and Rebecca Ransom visit the Isle of Wight to see how gardeners are coping after one of the worst winters on record. (Teletext) (6342)
9.30 Home Improvement. American comedy series. (Teletext) (s) (96984)
10.00 Roseanne. Roseanne and Dan decide to go for a tacky Christmas. (Teletext) (s) (69342)
10.30 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole. With guest star Helena Bonham-Carter getting some beauty tips from the former psychiatric nurse. (Teletext) (s) (484445)
11.05 Eurotrash. An off-beat look at the best and worst in Europe (s) (377759)
11.35 Beavis and Butt-Head. Controversial cartoon duo from America (s) (218209)
12.05am FILM: Under the Cherry Moon (1986, b/w) Prince starred in and directed this musical romance as a follow-up to the film *Purple Rain.* He plays a nightclub pianist interested in rich women. (Teletext) (s) (623033) Ends at **1.55**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only until **6.00am**) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Kevin Greening **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell **7.00** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **10.00** John Peel: featuring techno star Dave Clarke, and the Sex Clark Five **1.00-4.00am** Mark Tonderai (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Debbie Thrower **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** The Movie Quiz **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Piers Lane at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band: The William Davis Construction Group Band under Keith Wilkinson **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** *Adrian Finighan*

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00** The *Breakfast Programme,* including at **6.55** and **7.55** the 5 Live Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine, including **10.04** Out and About; **11.15** Science; **11.50** Video Review **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **9.05** Now the Good News.. **10.05** Stop Press **10.35** Financial Week **11.00** Night Extra **12.00** After Hours **2.00-5.00am** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** News in German **6.03** Morgenmagazin **6.27** News in German **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: The House of the Spirits **8.30** A Childhood Apart **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** On the Move **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News Summary **11.01** Focus On Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** World News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** A Childhood Apart **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** World News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: The House of the Spirits **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** World News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **4.35** Heute Aktuell **5.00** World and British News **5.15** BBC English **6.00** World News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** News and Features in German **8.00** World News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** World News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** Newshour **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Multitrack 3 **1.00** World News **1.10** British News **1.15** Writing Time **1.30** From The Weeklies **1.45** The Learning World **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Worldbrief **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** Newdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Mendelssohn (Concerto in D minor for Violin and Piano) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert Mussorgsky (A Night on the Bare Mountain). Greg (The Mountain Maid); Maccunn (In the Land of the Mountain and the Flood). Richard Strauss (Alpine Symphony) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Jane Markham

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (8528532) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (3809700) **1.55** The Young Doctors (69117342) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (6050613) **5.10-5.40** Weekend (1686193) **6.00** Home and Away (567803) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (997551) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (690629) **10.45** The Naked Face (38827822) **12.35am** The Twilight Zone (5798878) **1.05** Whale On (1489566) **2.00** Sportsworld (19217) **2.30** Noisy Mothers (41694) **3.30-3.55** Videofashion (23645472) **4.20** Night Shift (11214269) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (81236)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69117342) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (8536209) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games and Videos (1686193) **6.00** Home and Away (567803) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (997551) **10.30** Central News and Weather (609377) **10.40** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (413342) **11.35** Stolen Lives (726193) **12.35am** Whale On (2092304) **1.30** The Hidden Room (4537217) **1.55** The Beat (3626149) **2.50** Shannon's Deal (8708101) **3.40** The Album Show (6684781) **4.35** Challenge of the Seas (68312830) **5.00** Night Shift (6531043) **5.10** Get Stuffed (6181217) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6170101)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 Challenge Of The Seas (51626174) **2.25-2.50** Art Works (68226822) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (1686193) **5.55** Home and Away (225174) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (997551) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (609377) **10.40** HTV Sportsweek (981377) **11.10** The Thomas Crown Affair (593483) **1.05am** Whale On (1489566) **2.00** Sportsworld (19217) **2.30** Noisy Mothers (41694) **3.30-3.55** Videofashion (23645472) **4.20** Night Shift (11214269) **4.30-5.30** The New Music (81236)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV News (8528532) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV News and Weather (3809700) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (3923209) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (997551) **10.30** HTV News and Weather (609377) **10.40-11.10** Married with Children (981377)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (8528532) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (3809700) **1.55** Country Practice (69117342) **2.20** Take the High Road (66218803) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (4436377) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (99025) **10.40** Jackie Collins' Lucky Chances (80157551) **12.25am** All Together Now (4208120) **12.55** Whale On (2096120) **1.55** The New Music (3600101) **2.55** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9036548) **3.25** America's Top Ten (30050502) **3.55** Noisy Mothers (1481149) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (30120)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69117342) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (8536209) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (904716) **6.30-7.00** College Cuisine (629) **10.30** Tyne Tees News and Weather (609377) **10.40** Street Legal (413342) **11.35** The Monster Squad (934280) **1.05am** Whale On (2071439) **2.05** The Big E (6988410) **3.00** The Black Tulip (658946) **5.00-5.30** On the Live Side (30120)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55 Take The High Road (51626174) **2.25-2.55** Gardener's Diary (68217174) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (99025) **10.40** The Motor Show (406667) **11.20** Day of the Wolves (100822) **1.05am** Whale On (1489566) **2.00** Sportsworld (19217) **2.30** Noisy Mothers (41694) **3.30-3.55** Videofashion (23645472) **4.20** Night Shift (11214269) **4.30-5.30** The *New Music* (81236)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (69117342) **2.20-3.10** Murder, She Wrote (8536209) **5.55** Calendar (904716) **6.30-7.00** Cryer's Crackers (629) **10.40** Street Legal (413342) **11.35** The Monster Squad (934280) **1.05am** Whale On (2071439) **2.05** The Big E (6988410) **3.00** The Black Tulip (658946) **5.00-5.30** On the Live Side (30120)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (38367) **9.00** You Bet Your Life R (51377) **9.30** Ysgolion/schools (924735) **12.00pm** House To House (68613) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (89648) **1.00** Take Five R (88844) **1.30** Crawshaw Paints On Holiday (88919) **2.00** Pussies Galore (68212629) **2.25** Channel 4 Racing from Sandown (29828377) **4.30** Slot 23 (1876716) **4.35** Dicwm Dacwm R (7953803) **4.45** Syth 94 (1877377) **5.00** Tocheband (4813629) **5.05** Stell (1597445) **5.30** Fifteen To One (826) **6.00** Newyddion (652445) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (554464) **6.25** Heno (995193) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8919) **7.30** Gymwr Y Flwyddyn (483) **8.00** Gwlad Moc (7667) **8.30** Newyddion (6174) **9.00** Ffau'r Llewod (225613) **9.45** French Letters (445358) **10.00** Brookside (69342) **10.30** Jo Brand (484445) **11.05** Snwcer: Pencampwriaeth Y Byd 1994 (377759) **11.35** Beavis And Butt-head (218209) **12.05am** Eurotrash (4223439) **12.35** Wise Cracks (722930)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Maths: Formula Iteration **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Including Gabrieli (Canzon a 10: Hesperion XX); Bellini (Qui la voce, I Puritani); Liszt (Liebestraum No 3 in A flat); Mozart (Overture, Le Nozze di Figaro); Strauss (Lied der Frauen, Op 68 No 6); Prokofiev (Peter and the Wolf)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Bach. Piers Burton-Page and Andrew Parrott discuss historical accuracy in performance. Brandenburg Concertos: No 3 in G, BWV 1048; No 6 in B flat, BWV 1051; The Burial of Jesus, St John Passion (Taverner Consort and Players under Andrew Parrott)
10.10 Musical Encounters: Ravel (Pavane); *Artist of the Week:* Jean-Pierre Rampal plays Devienne (Flute Concerto No 2 in D: Musica Antiqua Orchestra under Jacques Roussel); Ives (Three Places in New England); Martinů, Rathaus and A. Benjamin (Homage to Paderewski); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 19 in F, K459)
12.00 Voices: An astronomer's view of song (r)
1.00 Takacs String Quartet: Edward Dusinberre and Karoly Schranz, violins, Gabor Ormai, viola, and Andras Fejer, cello, perform Haydn (String Quartet in F, Op 77 No 2); Brahms (String Quartet in C minor, Op 51 No 1)
2.00 Schools: Listen and Read; **2.10** Music Box: Shapes and Colours; **2.25** Playtime; **2.40** Workshop: Music Course 3
3.00 Mining the Archive: Artur Rubinstein. Broadcast recitals given by the pianist in the late 1950s. Includes music by Brahms, Schubert and Villa-Lobos and a group of Etudes from a Chopin recital
4.30 The Land Between the Rivers: Traditional music from Iraq (1/2) (r)
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson presents a competition to identify different national styles of music
5.15 In Tune, with Natalie Wheen
7.30 Great Orchestras of the World, live from the Barbican Hall, London. Mendelssohn (Overture, Ruy Blas, Violin Concerto in E minor); Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Great). Performed by the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur, with Sarah Chang, violin. In the interval at **8.10** Kurt Masur talks to Stephen Johnson
9.30 Raymond Carver Stories: Intimacy. Read by Bob Sherman
9.50 Messiaen: Gillian Weir surveys Messiaen's organ music. Verset; Apparition; Messe de la Pentecôte
10.45 Friday Feature: Take Lenin from the Money. See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: A session of improvised and notated music with the trombonist John Kenny and sound projectionist John Whiting
1.00-2.20 Night School (as 2-3pm); **2.00** Ghostwriter; **2.10** Wordplay

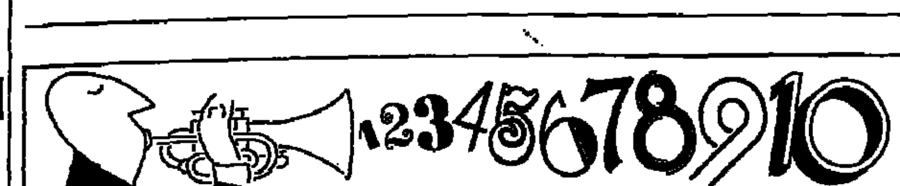
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the musician Alan Hacker (r)
9.45 Whackademics: Author David Stafford explores the crazy world of alcohol research
10.00-10.30 Murder Most Foul (FM only): Admissible Evidence. Nick Ross presents the second of six dramatised murder cases. With Jonathan Tafler
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Letter to the Hebrews. Read by Virginia McKenna
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jane Lapotaire reads *Mysterious Kor,* a short story by Elizabeth Bowen. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25pm The Food Programme **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Cox
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Mayor of Casterbridge, by Thomas Hardy (2/4) (r)
3.00 News; Anderson Country, with Gerry Anderson
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: A discussion on the life and work of Truman Capote
4.45 Short Story: The Kingfisher, by Leslie Norris (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: Transport magazine
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby's guests in Godalming, Surrey, are Robin Cook MP, shadow Trade and Industry Secretary; Roger Graef, writer and film-maker; Michael Howard, the Home Secretary; and Archy Kirkwood, Liberal Democrat social security spokesman
8.50 Live from Berlin: A Tribute to William Shirer. See Choice
9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: What Colour Socks Do You Wear? (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Uncle Fred in the Springtime. Final part of the novel by P.G. Wodehouse. Read by Crawford Logan
11.00 Week Ending: Topical satire
11.25 Tea Junction, with Patrick Hannan and guests
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Friday Feature: Take Lenin from the Money. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
John Klier's quest for the rapidly vanishing traces of Lenin in St Petersburg, the city that once bore his name, is superior historical journalism. It is painstaking, ironical and politically riveting. Never for a moment do we fear that the batteries powering his capacity to be astonished show signs of running down. Klier finds that one after the other, Lenin statues, plaques and portraits are being consigned to the lumber-rooms. The purge has even reached Russia's economy. Banknotes no longer carry the head of the man who was responsible for the creation of the Soviet state.

Live from Berlin. *Radio 4, 8.50pm.*
William Shirer gave the United States a window into Nazi Germany with his CBS broadcasts from the German capital. His huge history of the period, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich,* has few equals. He died last year, and *Live from Berlin* includes what was to be his last interview. The few snippets we hear from his radio reports make us hunger for more. Although tastily prepared, tonight's tribute is little more than an *hors-d'oeuvre.* **Peter Davalle**



CLASSIC COUNTDOWN.
SATURDAY 9AM-NOON.
CLASSIC *f*M 100-102

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (51491990) **8.45** Cartoons (8348884) **9.30** Card Sharks (5215700) **9.55** Concentration (5303919) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2923648) **10.30** Urban Peasant (99551) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (53396) **12.00** Paradise Beach (80603) **12.30pm** E Street (30396) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (28551) **2.00** Man Called Intrepid (22613) **3.00** Another World (3377280) **3.45** DJ Kat (3997803) **5.00** Star Trek (8938) **6.00** Paradise Beach (7551) **6.30** E Street (8803) **7.00** Blockbusters (9667) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4087) **8.00** Code 3 (5087) **8.30** Sightings (7822) **9.00** Untouchables (70984) **10.00** Star Trek (73071) **11.00** Late Show (34261) **12.00** Outer Limits (78304) **1.00-2.00am** Hill Street Blues (37149)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (37919) **9.30** ABC Nightline (27822) **10.30** Memories of 1970-91 (97193) **11.30** Japan Business (21174) **1.30pm** CBS This Morning (35272) **2.30** Memories (58735) **3.30** Nightline (36358) **4.30** News and Business (1700) **5.00** Live at Five (9280) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (86006) **9.30** Talkback (87551) **11.30** CBS News (22938) **12.30am** ABC News (39507) **1.30** *Financial Times* Reports (93507) **2.30** Memories (23385) **3.30** Talkback (28830) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (29410) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (77526)

SKY MOVIES
6.20am Showcase (68239919)
10.00 Ernest Scared Stupid (1991): Comedy horror with Jim Varney (91877938)
11.40 Funny Lady (1975). Sequel to *Funny Girl* with Barbra Streisand (80774735)
2.00pm Beethoven (1992): Shaggy dog story with Charles Grodin (60551)
4.00 Showdown (1973): Western romance with Rock Hudson, Susan Clark (1782)
6.00 Ernest Scared Stupid (as 10am) (57087)
8.00 Beethoven (as 2pm) (16466551)
9.40 US Top Ten (697342)
10.00 White Sands (1992): Lawrman Willem Dafoe stumbles on an FBI scam (320984)
11.45 Bruce vs Bill (1970): Martial arts adventure. With Bill Louie, Bruce Le (505648)
1.20am The Joy of Sex (1984): Adult comedy starring Michelle Meyrink (741439)
2.55 By the Sword (1991). Revenge drama set in the fencing world (7937439)
4.25-6.25 Showdown (as 4pm) (257782)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Carmen Jones (1954): Stars Dorothy Dandridge, Harry Belafonte (42193)
8.00 Death Rides a Horse (1969). Spaghetti western with John Phillip Law (54938)
10.00 The Lords of Discipline (1983): Military cadets bully a black recruit. With David Keith (89713). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Wild is the Wind (1957): Melodrama about Italian Americans in Nevada. With Anna Magnani and Anthony Quinn (79667)
8.00 Don Quixote (1987): Cartoon (83735)
9.00 Puss in Boots (1983): Animated version of the fairy-tale classic (58377)
10.00 What About Bob? (1991): A psychiatric patient hounds his shrink. Comedy with Bill Murray, Richard Dreyfuss (32754)
12.00 Harvey Middleman Fireman (1965): Comedy with Gene Troobnick (75378)
2.00pm The Distant Home (1990): Sci-fi hokum set in suburban Australia (68193)
4.00 Don Quixote (as 8am) (39193)
5.00 Puss in Boots (as 9am) (1648)
6.00 What About Bob? (as 10am) (55629)
8.00 Legacy of Lies (1992): A cop (Michael Ontkean) is dogged by his past (60174)
10.00 Trancers III: Deth Lives (1992): Tim Thomerson travels forward in time to save humans from deadly machines (62193)
11.30 The Movie Show: Film news (17006)
12.00 One Good Cop (1991). Michael Keaton is tempted into corruption (517033)
1.45am On the Streets of LA (1992): A reformed murderer (Louis Gossett Jr) meets his son (Blair Underwood) in prison (719965)
3.20 Iron Maze (1991): Mystery about Japanese-American industrial tension. With Hiro Murakami (45978491). Ends at **5.05**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (94613) **7.30** Soccer News (9177648) **7.45** Netbusters (9165803) **8.00** Snowboarding (96551) **8.30** Tennis (95822) **9.00** Prime Bodies (86174) **9.30** Soccer (12067) **10.00** Nescar Racing (25551) **12.00** Tennis (6476826) **5.00pm** World Sport (3261) **5.30** Rugby (1396) **6.00** Soccer (24822) **7.00** Big League: Warrington v Sheffield (756396) **9.30** PGA Golf (83261) **11.00** Soccer: Warrington v Sheffield (76261) **12.00-5.30am** Boxing: Holyfield v Moorer (3470781)

EUROSPORT
7.00am Gymnastics (7289782) **12.30pm** Road to the 1994 World Cup (48629) **1.30pm** Mountainbike (37342) **2.00** Tennis (4377) **2.30** Rally Raid (87261) **3.30** NHL Ice Hockey (94939) **5.00** Motorcycling (5629) **5.30** Motorsports (35396) **6.30** News (4629) **7.00** Football (72445) **9.00** Boxing (72822) **10.30** Speedworld (77342) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (78781)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (1391700) **7.30** Neighbours (1483735) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2906087) **8.30** EastEnders (2905358) **9.00** The Bill (2829938) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (8435261) **10.30** Casualty (9859735) **11.30** The Sullivans (3355990) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2909174) **12.30pm** Neighbours (3502358) **1.00** EastEnders (1390071) **1.30** The Bill (3501629) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (4080261) **2.30** PC Penrose (3497236) **3.00** Knots Landing (3366006) **4.00** Dynasty (3272613) **5.00** Every Second Counts (8265919) **5.40** The Goodies (8888551) **5.55** Sykes (2036754) **6.30** EastEnders (4047975) **7.00** Are You Being Served? (4091377) **7.30** And Mother Makes Three (8547939) **8.00** Hannay (9684532) **9.00** Casualty (9604396) **10.00** The Bill (2900803) **10.30** Lenny Henry Show (5990311) **11.10** Kenny Everett Show (7689464) **11.50** Dr Who (8796025) **12.20am** FILM: Bride By Mistake (1944, b/w): An heiress tests her suitors (80615894) **1.45-2.00** Video Bites (41536965)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (59687) **6.30** Babar (48629) **7.00** Paddy (8507193) **7.15** Tic Tac Toons (411193) **7.45** Beverly Hills Teens (3744862) **8.10** Head to Heed (5006848) **8.15** You Can't Do That on TV (757532) **8.45** Pastagums (7968209) **9.00** Dróibee Time (35087) **10.00** Nellie the Elephant (75628) **11.00** RatKan II (69731) **11.30** Babar (19280) **12.00** Paddy (5859822) **12.15pm** Tic Tac Toons (100254) **12.45** Beverly Hills Teens (8511396) **1.10** Head to Head (29152687) **1.15** You Can't Do That on TV (700218) **1.45** Pastagums (64205445) **2.00** Barney and Friends (1209) **2.30** Blinky Bill (2280) **3.00** RatKan II (8236) **3.30** Casper and Friends (5291716) **3.55** Head to Head (3741193) **4.00** Beakman's World (3532) **4.30-5.00** Saved by the Bell (9716)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Batfink (4175193) **7.15** Hero Turtles (960445) **7.45** Rugrats (869716) **8.15** Doug (657445) **8.45** Batfink (8818822) **9.00** Banana Sandwich (84716) **9.30** Kate and Orbie (6818071) **9.45** Mother Goose (5919754) **10.00** Pondles (9686174) **10.15** Eureeka (9689025) **10.30** Galaxy High (4227261) **10.45** Nick Shorts (4222716) **11.00** David the Gnome (64803) **11.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (95532) **12.00** Monkees (97280) **12.30pm** Muppets (14445) **1.00** Wisdom of the Gnomes (97754) **1.30** Bananas in Pyjamas (13716) **2.00** Alvin (8321) **2.30** Fraggle Rock (8822) **3.00** Galaxy High (6358) **3.30** Hero Turtles (3957) **4.00** Killer Tomatoes (9174) **4.30** Rugrats (5358) **5.00** Clarissa (1803) **5.30** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (9639) **6.00** Doug (9551) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (3713)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Monkeys to Apes (7297498) **4.30** Wildlife (5392862) **5.00** Biography (8065445) **5.55** California Off-Beat (7429261) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (1689803) **7.00** Discovery Lite! (9606754) **8.00** Passion of Spain (6888803) **8.50** California Off-Beat (9417700) **9.00** Beerhunter (3972667) **9.30** Challenge of the Seas (3513464) **10.00** New Explorers (2908445) **10.30** Ambulance! (2917193) **11.00-12.00** Nighthawk (1471690)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: National Velvet (1944, b/w): A girl wants to ride in the Grand National. With Elizabeth Taylor (75372735) **2.10pm** FILM: Frieda (1947, b/w). A German wife meets bigotry in an English village (5533759) **4.00** Mothers-in-Law (7192844) **4.30** My Three Sons (1792808) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (4008209) **5.30** Hogan's Heroes (6546700) **6.00** Death Valley Days (9798223) **6.30** Car 54 (6742303) **7.00** Twilight Zone (9698280) **8.00** The Avengers (9508700) **9.00** FILM: Teenage Monster (1957, b/w): Meteor rays affect a young boy (82949939) **10.20** The Vise (7874990) **11.00** Get Smart (3371936) **11.30-12.00** Donny and Marie (8373342)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (6225700) **7.00** Living (7396268) **8.00** Health UK (8880071) **8.30** Home Show (8889342) **9.00** Dr Ruth (8976822) **9.30** Days of Our Lives (1031700) **10.30** Young and Restless (9404261) **11.30** Marco (4483071) **12.00** Stars and Signs (84692209) **12.15pm** *Living* (56618087) **12.30** Housecalls (7431964) **1.00** First Garden (2659990) **1.30** Crosswits (7536483) **2.00** Agony Hour (3556984) **3.00** Living (3569822) **3.45** *Gladrags* (84226551) **4.00** Definition (2419484) **4.30** Infatuation (2414648) **5.00** Musiquest (2046193) **5.30** Living (5037367) **5.45** Kilroy (8455716) **6.30** Floyd's American Pie (2419193) **7.00** Definition (2033629) **7.30** That's Amore (2415377) **8.00** Young and Restless (4018209) **9.00** FILM. Dominique (1978). A husband tries to drive his wife mad. With Jean Simmons, Cliff Robertson (23468209) **10.50** Gladrags (6345613) **11.00** That's Amore (4570551) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation (3657667)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm The Wonder Years (5261) **5.30** Zorro (3396) **6.00** Trivial Pursuit (5939) **6.30** Catchphrase (4261) **7.00** All Clued Up (5025) **7.30** Pyramid Game (5795) **8.00** Au Pair Affair (1445) **8.30** Art of Compromise II (3280) **9.00** Gentlemen and Players (36532) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (41025) **10.30** Entertainment Now (27445) **11.00** Lou Grant (76358) **12.00-1.00am** Remington Steele (47472)

MTV
5.00am Wild Side (272694) **8.00** VJ Ingo (787071) **11.00** Soul (80551) **12.00** Greatest Hits (71754) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (681754) **3.30** Report (1893648) **3.45** At the Movies (1861803) **4.00** News (8628193) **4.15** 3 from 1 (8618716) **4.30** Dial MTV (1174) **5.00** Music (30919) **7.00** Hits (49006) **8.00** Most Wanted (24483) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (72483) **10.00** Report (660990) **10.15** Movies (685445) **10.30** News (425377) **10.45** 3 from 1 (413532) **11.00** VJ Marijne (85377) **1.00am** Chill Out Zone (56830) **2.00-6.00** Videos (5556101)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (43713) **7.00** Asian Morning (73396) **8.00** Hindi News (34735) **8.30** Urdu News (7950280) **8.45** English News (7955735) **9.00** Serial (59613) **10.00** Pakistani FILM (612209) **1.00pm** Serial (98735) **1.30** Hindi FILM (406174) **4.30** Kiddie Time (3342) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (1822) **7.00** Sportsworld (1687) **7.30** ID Youth (6087) **8.00** English News (393957) **8.15** Hindi FILM (24674193) **11.15** Serial (287639) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (1373878) **1.35** Sight and Sound (15771858)

TNT
Theme Hungarian Directors in Hollywood
7.00pm The Swan (1956) Charles Vidor's comedy with Grace Kelly (79816822)
9.00 Men of the Fighting Lady (1954): Andrew Marton's Korean War drama. With Van Johnson (30828377)
10.35 Atlantis, the Lost Continent (1961) George Pal's adventure yarn set in the mythical underwater city (39482808)
12.20am Captains of the Clouds (1942, b/w): Michael Curtiz directs James Cagney in a wartime drama (50495846)
2.35 The Kissing Bandit (1948, b/w): Laslo Benedek's musical western with Frank Sinatra (72964743). Ends at **5.00**

CNN
Twenty-four hour news programmes

CMT
Country music from midnight to 4pm

QVC
Home shopping channel

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM 97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM 88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM 90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. **GLR:** FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM 100-102. **VIRGIN:**

England strike positive note on final day

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN ANTIGUA

IN THE stunned aftermath of *his team being bowled out for* 46 in Trinidad, Keith Fletcher, the England team manager, optimistically said he would be grateful for two draws in the remaining Tests. He has had a bonus, victory in Barbados being followed here by such an alarm-free stalemate that even Fletcher can have grown no more grey hairs.

For the crowds, their appetite for excitement heightened by Brian Lara, it was dreary anti-climax. For England, it was a considerable achievement. Since winning the fourth Test against Pakistan in 1992 their racing-style formline before Bridgetown read LLLLLLLDLLW LLL. An unbeaten sequence of two may be a straw-clutching claim to progress, but for Fletcher, who has never presided over such luxury, the relief is indescribable. Here, at last, his team showed the spirit and resourcefulness that has often deserted them once the opposition is dictating terms.

Relatively few modern Tests are drawn, a legacy of the trend towards bowler-friendly pitches, and before yesterday only three of the last 28 matches between these countries had failed to produce a result. On this moribund surface, however, generous declarations might have been needed to get a result in eight days, much less five. When the 1,000-run mark was passed, only ten wickets had fallen in the game.

There can have been very few present who contemplated anything other than a draw when this last day began, but Fletcher, instinctively wary, was among the doubters. He believed England needed to bat until lunch to be safe and, in that regard, he placed more hope in Jack Russell and Chris Lewis than either had hitherto justified.

Unbeknown to them, this pair had been among those whose future was questioned by Ray Illingworth, the new chairman of selectors, a few hours earlier. "He has it all to prove", was said of Lewis, and "we may have to look around" of Russell.



Tomorrow in *The Times*: the final scoreboard

Barring calamities on the Trinidad scale, this game had been in safe keeping once Michael Atherton and Robin Smith had put on 303 for England's third wicket. Yesterday, England resumed 151 behind, with four wickets standing. The solitary job of Russell and Lewis was to remain in residence through the second new ball, after which the bowlers were to some degree going through the motions.

This, they achieved, but the fact that it will be recalled as *their best day of the series* speaks volumes for the type of tours they have both endured. Before yesterday, Russell totalled 133 runs for seven Test dismissals and Lewis a mere 95 for eight.

Russell's selection was a joy to those of us who believe in specialist wicketkeepers, but, by his searching, self-regulated standards, he has driven himself towards a darkened room by missing more stumpings in a series than he had previously missed in a career. He may no longer be the best available, but at least *yesterday's idiosyncratic 62*, his first half-century in 41 Test innings, will help ward off the challenge of Steve Rhodes's versatility.

Lewis's selection was not so much a joy as a mystery. He was one of those identified by Atherton as possessing the combination of talent and youth he was seeking, but, as so often before, *his talent went* missing when it mattered. Perhaps it does not exist. His 14 wickets in this series have cost 40 runs apiece, maintaining his career average, and the pre-requisite of a Test bowler *that he should be good enough* to win, or heavily influence a match, simply does not apply in his case.

Fletcher thinks his batting technique never will be Test-class and, paradoxically, yesterday confirmed it. Time and again, his bat came down crookedly, both outside off stump and across his front pad. Time and again, the West Indies appealed vainly for leg-before decisions. Yet Lewis survived to make runs, as he has often done when a match is dead or dying.

The stand with Russell was *worth 118 and took England* past 500 for the first time since the Christchurch Test of two winters ago. Then, after Russell departed to a thin edge against Winston Benjamin, Andy Caddick made crease-*occupation look comfortable*. By now, a tour that has produced so much riveting cricket was ending on its most somnolent day, the excitement confined to what may be a unique first-innings tie at 593 runs apiece.

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ANTIGUA SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES: First Innings 593-5 dec (B C Lara 375, S Chanderpaul 75 not out, J C Adams 59)

ENGLAND: First Innings

*M A Atherton c Murray b Ambrose	135
A J Stewart c Ambrose b K C G Benjamin	24
M R Ramprakash lbw b K C G Benjamin	19
R A Smith lbw b K C G Benjamin	175
G A Hick b K C G Benjamin	20
G P Thorpe c Adams b Chanderpaul	9
†R C Russell c Murray b W K M Benjamin	62
C C Lewis not out	75
A R Caddick c W K M Benjamin b Adams	22
A R C Fraser b Adams	0
P C R Tufnell lbw b W K M Benjamin	0
Extras	52
Total	593

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-70, 3-373, 4-393, 5-401, 6-417, 7-535, 8-585, 9-589

BOWLING: Ambrose 40-18-85-1; Walsh 40-9-123-0; W K M Benjamin 41.1-15-93-2; K C G Benjamin 37-7-110-4; Chanderpaul 24-1-94-1; *Adams 22-4-74-2*; Arthurton 2-1-4-0.

Umpires: S A Bucknor and D B Hair.
Match referee: J R Reid.



PATRICK HERTZOG

Kafelnikov raises his arms in triumph after completing victory in straight sets over Stich, the top seed, in the Monte Carlo Open yesterday

Kafelnikov confirms rise in status

FROM STUART JONES
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT
IN MONTE CARLO

YEVGENI Kafelnikov, the young Russian tipped to be the *next player to join the elite* of men's tennis, is progressing ahead of schedule. Even his admirers, and they are rapidly growing in number, predicted that he would not reach the top ten in the world until the end *of the year*.

He started it ranked 104th. At the beginning of the week, having collected the first two titles of his career, he had climbed to 41st. His exploits here in the Monte Carlo Open have already assured him of another rise of some ten places.

As well as collecting points for going through to the last eight, he has earned additional bonus points for beating players ranked higher than him. He opened by knocking out Andre Agassi and surpassed *that achievement* yesterday by eliminating Michael Stich, the top seed and world No 2.

Kafelnikov had lost in the first round in each of the three previous clay-court tournaments he had entered, a sequence that plainly indicated he was vulnerable on the surface. Appearances could not have been more deceptive. He completed his third successive victory over Stich, and in straight sets, 7-6, 6-4.

He is destined to go further, too. He will meet the only other unseeded player in the last eight, David Rikl, 23, from the Czech Republic, who has qualified for only one semi-final in his life. If Kafelnikov wins again, he could meet his closest ally, Andrei Medvedev.

They have been friends throughout their teenage years, and together they won the Sunshine Cup, the world junior doubles title, in 1990. Medvedev is six months the younger but he has led the way because he was more prepared to make the most of his less natural gifts.

"I practised a lot," Medvedev recalled. "But he was always much more talented. I don't think he has a weakness in his game. And he will be in the top ten by the end of the year for sure."

It may be significant that Kafelnikov is not so certain. His aim is merely to stay in the top 50. He insists that he cannot equal the feat of his compatriot, who joined the elite two years after turning professional. Lack of belief alone could hold him back, especially as his game seems as though it would be suited to grass.

Stich served for the first set in a match featuring the two heaviest servers in the world this year (Kafelnikov's has been measured as the fastest at 128.6mph). He failed then and let slip other opportunities, converting only three of 13 break points.

Medvedev plays Jim Courier, the No 3 seed, in the bottom half of the draw. Thomas Muster meets Stefan Edberg, the second seed, and Goran Ivanisevic takes on Sergi Bruguera, the champion, who beat Alberto Berasategui, a fellow Spaniard and winner in Nice last week.

□ Great Britain's women have a difficult draw in the play-offs at the Federation Cup regional qualifying event in Bad Waltersdorf, Austria. In the first-round matches today, Britain meet Israel, who are led by Anna Smashnova, the former French Open junior champion. *Should Britain win that tie*, they are likely to play Belgium, the top seeds, for a place in the main draw in Frankfurt in July.

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Parrott raises game to protect unbeaten record



Parrott: consistent

BY PHIL YATES

JOHN Parrott, the only leading player to boast an unbeaten record against Ronnie O'Sullivan, emerged from the opening session of their second-round match in the Embassy world championship at Sheffield yesterday with a 5-3 advantage. Parrott has beaten O'Sullivan on all four of their previous meetings.

After losing 5-1 to the Liverpudlian in the last 64 of the Skoda grand prix six months ago, a bemused O'Sullivan said: "John does my head in. Every time I play him he never seems to miss." Although that was not the case yesterday, Parrott, the 1991 world champion, was solid and his two-frame lead going into the concluding two sessions of the best-of-25 frame contest today was the result of his more considered approach.

Parrott has not enjoyed a wildly successful season — his only tournament win came at the International Open in February — but he has been consistent throughout and, for the most part, it has taken a player in good form to beat him.

However, O'Sullivan was not at his best. Unable to rely on the prodigiously heavy scoring that was such a feature of his United Kingdom championship triumph, his tactical limitations and youthful impatience were both exposed. Indeed, O'Sullivan was fortunate not to be further adrift.

O'Sullivan's highest break of the afternoon came in the second frame. He compiled 86 after Parrott had simultaneously potted a red and the blue. Aside from that, it was Parrott who was the stronger in the early stages as he included runs of 90 and 48 in moving 3-1 ahead.

This looked likely to be 4-1 until Parrott missed a straightforward green off its spot from short range, which would have left O'Sullivan requiring snookers. With the colours *all in the open, O'Sullivan cleared to* black to trail only 3-2.

After such an unforced error, Parrott has been known to hang his head. However, he won the following frame on the brown and did well to recover from 51-0 down in the eighth, finishing with a decisive yellow-to-pink clearance to guarantee his overnight lead.

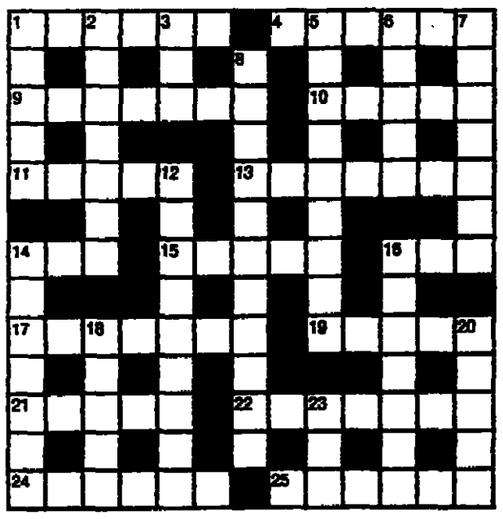
Martin Clark, the twelfth seed, relinquished his place among the world's top 16 for next season in agonising circumstances when, after leading 9-6 and appearing firmly in control, he was beaten 10-9 by Brian Morgan, of Southend. Clark fell 6-4 behind before he won the next five frames in a purple patch, highlighted by breaks of 139 and 102. Morgan rallied to 9-8 before winning each of the closing frames with clearances *from the last red to pink*.

Clark's defeat means that Tony Drago, who failed to qualify for the final stages of the championship, will be a member of the game's elite for the first time in nine years as a professional next season if Steve Davis beats Steve James in the second round.

FIRST ROUND: Results: S Davis (Eng) bt D O'Kane (NZ) 10-3; B Morgan (Eng) bt M Clark (Eng) 10-9. Leader position: N Foulds (Eng) leads A Davies (Wales) 5-4.
SECOND ROUND: J Parrott (Eng) leads R O'Sullivan (Eng) 8-3.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 145



ACROSS

1 *Old infantry muzzle-loader* (6)
4 Pasture (6)
9 Bring into actuality (7)
10 That is (2,3)
11 Nocturnal S American mammal (5)
13 Panegyrics (7)
14 Dog (3)
15 Brittle; bracing; sharp (5)
16 Contend (3)
17 Elf; chocolate cake (7)
19 Unsociable person (5)
21 Spokes (5)
22 To conduct (5,2); commotion (5-2)
24 Burrow through (6)
25 Spongy organ; ill-humour (6)

DOWN

1 *French revolutionary*, killed in bath (5)
2 Fish; photographer (7)
3 Priest, teacher of Samuel (3)
5 To do with bishops (9)
6 Fantasy; aspiration (5)
7 Electrical power rating (7)
8 *Kindness (11)*
12 Abstruse (9)
14 Nightclub entertainment (7)
16 Beard, shade of brown (named after painter) (7)
18 Of former times (5)
20 Arrest (3,2)
23 Knock; rhythmic monologue to music (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 144

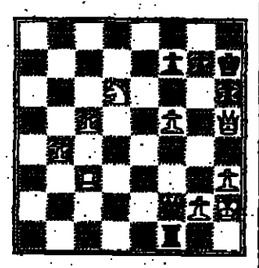
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DOWN: 2 Evident 3 Ensue 4 Yankee Doodle 5 Privacy 6 Plane 7 Butterfly net 13 Lady Day 15 Hangdog 17 React 19 Gusto

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This position is from the game Fabri - Hardicsay, Hungary 1981. Black has sacrificed a piece and two pawns, but can draw with 1 ... Qg1+ 2 Kg3 Qf2+ 3 Kh2 (not 3 Kg4 Qf4 mate) 3 ... Qg1+ etc. Can he do better?



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Raymond Keene, page 6

By Philip Howard

HORST
a. An Angle invader.
b. A geological upfault
c. *German gym equipment*

GRABEN
a. An Anglo-Saxon grave
b. The first Frankish capital
c. A rift valley

OPHIOLITE
a. Lizard rocks
b. A Syrian priestess
c. A sub-order of reptiles

PATENER
a. A limpet
b. An acolyte
c. A cobbler's mould

Answers on page 39

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